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IN RETURN TO AN ADDRESS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1851.

Resolved,

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to direct that Copies of all *Octrois*, Deeds of Concession or Grants made, and to be found in the Archives or Public Records of the Province, of the various Fiefs and Seigniories in "*La Nouvelle France*," or Canada, from the earliest settlements thereof to the cession of the same in 1763, by the Crown of France to Great Britain, and also of those made since that period, be translated in English, printed and distributed in both languages, with all convenient despatch, among the different Members of the Legislature, and to the several Municipalities throughout the Province, for the public information, together with all such legal opinions, official and public documents relating to the Seigniorial or Feudal Tenure, or to the commutation or abolition thereof, of which the Executive Government may be possessed, and which His Excellency may deem to be necessary to the proper understanding of the relative rights of Seigniors and Censitaires; and to assure His Excellency that this House will make good any expense that may be incurred in consequence of his compliance with the present Address.

Ordered,

That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clk. Assy.

THE SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
JANUARY 10, 1900

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed purchase of the ship "Albatross" for the service of the Navy. I am sorry to hear that the ship is not available for purchase at the time you desire to purchase it. I am, however, sure that the ship will be available at some future date. I am, therefore, sure that you will be able to purchase the ship at some future date. I am, therefore, sure that you will be able to purchase the ship at some future date.

Very respectfully,
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FROM THE INTENDANTS' REGISTERS.

N^o 1.

GRANT IN FAVOR OF MARTIN D'ARPEMENTIGNY.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the representation to us made by Martin D'Arpentigny, sieur de Martignon, formerly an inhabitant of Acadia, that since the years one thousand six hundred and fifty two, one thousand six hundred and fifty three, and one thousand six hundred and fifty four, he has been a creditor of the estate of the late sieur de Latour, his father-in-law, governor and proprietary of the River St. John, from the Maquo River to the Mines in Acadia aforesaid, by and in virtue of divers promises and notes of hand (*cédules*), acknowledged by the said deceased, to the amount of forty thousand eight hundred and seventeen *livres*, and interest thereon, of which he has not hitherto been able to obtain payment, particularly on account of the English having taken the greater part of Acadia and a portion of what belonged to the said deceased, and having even plundered the whole of his property and that of the said Martignon, who, as a good and faithful subject of His Majesty, preferred abandoning all to serving under the English; but as, a few years since, the English have restored what they had usurped of the said country, which, in consequence of the said usurpation, had remained waste and uninhabited, the said Martignon has been advised to take possession of the whole of the grant which belonged to the said deceased, containing more than fifty leagues in front, according to the boundaries and limits aforesaid, whereof he might call himself the owner, whether he be considered as the creditor or as the heir in the right of his wife, the daughter of the said deceased; but having learned that the King had the right of resuming possession of all the lands granted previously to the last ten years, in consequence of their not having been settled and brought under cultivation (*habituées et mises en valeur*), he has applied to us praying that we might be pleased to grant and concede unto him the whole or part of the said lands, offering immediately to improve the same by cultivation, and particularly by transporting thereupon a large number of cattle, with which he might, in the course of time, be able to assist not only this country, but also the West India (*Antilles*) Islands and other countries under

the dominion of His Majesty, and also to establish sedentary fisheries therein for the purpose of taking cod and other kinds of fish with which the coast abounds : in which enterprise he had the more hope of succeeding as he was desirous of taking into partnership with him some Frenchmen of property who had given him their promise to that effect ; all which taking into consideration, and being desirous of more and more extending the colony not only in those parts, but also throughout Acadia, according to the King's intentions ;

We, in virtue of the power to us given by His Majesty, and subject to his pleasure, have granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede to him the said Martignon the tract of country and lands which are to be found on the said River St. John, to be taken along the said River from Partridge Island (*P'Isle de la Perdrix*), running six leagues in front up the said River, and six leagues in depth inland, bounded in front by the said River St. John, and in rear, towards the west, by the ungranted lands, on one side by the said Island, and on the other by the ungranted lands, on one side to have and to hold in fief, with all rights of jurisdiction and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he the said Martignon, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at Fort Pentagouet (provisionally only, and until His Majesty shall have otherwise ordained), by one homage, and, as a redemption fine (*rachat*), one year's revenue on each change of possessor, according to the custom of the *Vezin Français* included in the Custom of Paris, and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge to be established in the tract of country aforesaid shall lie before whomsoever it may be deemed expedient.

The present grant thus made on condition that the said Martignon shall be held to preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he may have set apart for his principal manor house ; and also that, on making grants to his tenants, he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the lands so granted ; and also that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of all the mines, if any be found within the limits of the said fief.

We pray and request Monsieur le Chevalier de Grand Fontaine, and command his Lieutenants, Deputies, and all others whom it may concern, to put the said Martignon in possession of the said tract of country, hereby granting them the power so to do.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this seventeenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

(Signed)

TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

No 2.

THE SIEUR POTTIER DE ST. DENIS.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries in North France ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

On the representation to us made by Jacques Pottier, Sieur de St. Denis, that having been informed of the good quality of the lands adjoining the River St. John, and that they are capable of producing grain of every kind in abundance, and becoming profitable to those who may settle thereon, either by their cultivation or by the establishment of sedentary fisheries for the purpose of taking cod or other kinds of fish which abound on the coast ; intending, with the help of a sufficient number of men whom he would bring over from France during the ensuing year, for that purpose, to settle on the said lands if we should be pleased to grant him a reasonable extent thereof, not only for his principal manor house, but also for a sufficient number of men to form a settlement (*bourgade*) or community ;

Taking the premises into consideration, and being desirous, on all occasions, of fulfilling the intentions of the King, whose wish it is that all persons who give evidence of their zeal for the settlement and extension of this colony should be rewarded, We do hereby make known that, in virtue of the power to us granted by His Majesty, and subject to his pleasure, we have granted and conceded to the said Sieur de St. Denis an extent of two leagues in front, to be taken above the grant made to the Sieur de Martignon, and bounded on the other side by the ungranted lands ; the same to have and to hold in fief and seignior, with all the rights of mean and inferior jurisdiction (*moyenne et basse justice*), himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he the said Sieur de St. Denis, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do (provisionally only and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty) at Fort Pentagouet, by one homage, and, as a redemption fine (*rachat*), one year's revenue on every change of possessor, according to the Custom of the *Vexin Français* included in the Custom of Paris ; and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge to be established in the said place shall lie before whomsoever it may be deemed expedient.

This grant thus made on condition that the said Sieur de St. Denis shall, within a year from the date hereof, keep house and home (*tiendra feu et lieu*) on the said fief ; and moreover that he shall stipulate the same condition in the deeds of concession which he may grant to his tenants, in default whereof the King shall, of right, resume the possession of the said lands ; that he shall preserve all the oak timber that may be found on the land which he may have set apart for his principal manor house ; that in making grants to his tenants he shall likewise stipulate the reservation of all such oak timber, fit for ship-building, as may be found within the limits of their lands ; and that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of all mines which may be discovered within the limits of the said fief.

We pray and request Monsieur le Chevalier de Grand Fontaine, Governor of Pentagouet, and command his lieutenants, deputies and all others to whom it may appertain, to put the said Sieur de St. Denis in possession of the said tract of land, hereby granting them power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this eighteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

(Signed)

N^o 3.

MONSIEUR DUPUY, MAJOR.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, &c. ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that whereas it has been represented to us by Zacarie Dupuy, Esquire, Major, of Montreal, that he has heretofore obtained from Mr. Collier, Attorney of Messire Alexandre Le Bagois, Sieur de Bretonnilliers, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Seigniors of the Island of Montreal aforesaid, a grant of eight arpents in front on the River St. Lawrence, at the foot of the St. Louis Rapids, with the right of fishing opposite thereto ; but having learned that the right to the fisheries could be granted only by His Majesty, and besides, that opposite his said grant, in the River St. Lawrence, there is an Island called Heron Island (*l'Isle au Héron*), which, however, nearly forms two islands, there being a small channel running through the same, which island and some islets lying close thereto would be very convenient and advantageous to him as well for the purpose of cultivation as for the pasturing of his cattle thereon ; praying that we might be pleased to grant him the said Island, with the privilege of fishing opposite the same and opposite his concession aforesaid : Therefore, taking the premises into consideration and being desirous of treating favorably the said Sieur Dupuy, on account of the valuable services which he has rendered for several years past, We, in virtue of the power to us granted by the King, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Dupuy Heron Island (*l'Isle au Héron*) aforesaid and all the adjacent islets, together with the right of fishing in the River St. Lawrence opposite the said Island, and, as far as may be necessary, opposite his said concession : To have and to hold the said Island in fief, subject to the duty of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he the said Sieur Dupuy, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of Quebec, by one homage, and as a redemption fine (*rachat*), one year's revenue at each and every change of possessor, according to the custom of the *Vexin Français* included in the Custom of Paris ; commanding the Sieur Dailleboust, Judge at Montreal, to put the said Sieur Dupuy in possession of the premises, and hereby granting him the power so to do.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this seventeenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

N^o 4.

MR. DE MARSON.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the sieur de Marson, of Soullanges, Lieutenant of the Company of Infantry of Grand-Fontaine, in the Regiment of *Poitou*, and Major of Acadia, has rendered in divers places, not only in Old France but also in New France since he came to the same by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he may be able to render on the River St. John, a part of North France where he is going to command under a commission from Monsieur le Comte de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in this country, and in order that he may be better able to continue such services,

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him a tract of land of four leagues in front by one league in depth, to be taken on the east side of the said River St. John, bounded on one side by the basin of the said river and on the other by the ungranted lands (together with the house of Fort Gemeziz, which he shall enjoy for such time only as he shall hold his commission of commander on the said river, in order to give him a place of residence, and that he may act with more liberty and convenience in everything relating to the King's service): To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, with all rights of jurisdiction and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he the said Sieur de Marson, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to do provisionally and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty, at Fort Pentagouet, by one single homage, and, as a redemption fee (*rachat*), one year's revenue at each and every change of possessor, according to the custom of the *Vexin Français*, and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before whomsoever it may be deemed fit.

This concession thus made subject to the condition that the said Sieur de Marson shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*); also that he shall stipulate the same clause in the grants of lands which he may make to his tenants, in default whereof the King shall, *pleno jure*, resume the possession of the said lands; that he shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he may have set apart for his principal manor house; and also that in the grants which he may make to his tenants, he shall sti-

pulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of their lands; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of any mines which may be found within the limits of the said fief: The whole subject to the will and pleasure of His Majesty, from whom he shall be bound to obtain a confirmation hereof.

We pray and request Monsieur le Chevalier de Grand Fontaine, Governor of Pen-
gouet, and command all to whom it may appertain, to put the said Sieur de Marson in possession of the premises, giving them power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twentieth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 5.

THE SIEUR JOIBERT.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that, under and in virtue of the power to us given by His Majesty, we have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant to the Sieur Joibert the extent of one league of land in front by one league in depth, to be taken on the east side of the River St. John, in the said Country of Acadia, adjoining on one side the grant made to the Sieur de Marson, his brother, commanding at the said place, and on the other side the ungranted lands, bounded in front by the sea, and in rear by the ungranted lands: the same to have and to hold in fief and seignior, with the rights of mean and inferior jurisdiction (*moyenne et basse justice*), himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Joibert, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do (provisionally only and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty) at Fort Pentagouet, by one homage, and, as a redemption fine (*rachat*), one year's revenue at each and every mutation of possessor, according to the custom of the *Vexin Français* included in the Custom of Paris, and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the place aforesaid, shall lie before whomsoever it may be deemed fit.

This grant thus made subject to the condition that the said Sieur Joibert shall, within a year from the date hereof, keep house and home on the said tract of land, and that he shall

stipulate the same condition in the grants which he may make to his tenants, in default whereof the King shall *pleno jure* again assume the possession of the said tract of land; also that he shall be bound to reserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he may select for his principal manor house, and likewise that, when making grants to his tenants, he shall stipulate the reservation of all oak timber, fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the lands so granted to them; and also that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of any mines which may be found within the limits of the said fief; The whole subject to the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents ratified.

We pray and request Monsieur le Chevalier de Grand Fontaine, and command his lieutenants, deputies and all others to whom it may appertain, to put the said Sieur Joibert in possession of the said tract of land, hereby granting them full power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twentieth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

Signed,

TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 6.

THE SIEUR PERROT.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France; *

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care, and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, which was the principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and

seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur Perrot, captain in the regiment of Auvergne and governor of the Island of Montreal, having requested us to grant him a portion of land therein :

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in divers places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter Country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Perrot, the island called Perrot and other islands adjacent thereto, including Peace Island (*l'Isle de la Paix*), Pine Island (*l'Isle aux Pins*), the Island of Ste. Geneviève and those of St. Giles, thus named by us on the figurative plan signed *ne varietur* and joined to the original of the present grant, to be referred to when necessary : To have and to hold the said islands as a fief, with all rights of seigniority and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he the said Sieur Perrot, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Lewis, in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, according to the custom of the provostship and viscounty (*prévôté et vicomté*) of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default thereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said islands; that the said Sieur Perrot shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house; moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the extent of the same; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition of leaving all roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Done at Quebec this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

Signed

TALON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 7.

THE SIEUR DE LA BOUTEILLERIE.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries of North France ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming to his great and ous designs, are willing to fix themselves in this Country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de la Bouteillerie having already begun to carry into effect His Majesty's intentions, and requested us to make him a grant of land therein ; We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Bouteillerie two leagues of land in front by one league and a half in depth, to be taken on the River St. Lawrence, to wit : one league above and one league below the River Ouelle (*Houille*), including the same ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de la Bouteillerie, himself, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, according to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect, provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before ; subject also to the condition that the said Sieur de la Bouteillerie shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the titles which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, in default whereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de la Bouteillerie shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, within the limits of the private concessions made to his tenants ; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; subject moreover to the condition that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed whithin one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER

THE SIEUR DE LA VALTERIE.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries in North France ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care, and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown Countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, which was the principal object of establishing the French colony in Canada, and accessorially making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and strength of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de la Valterie, lieutenant of the company of in the regiment of, having petitioned us to make him a grant of land ; We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in various places as well in Old France as in New France since he came hither by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Valterie the extent of one league and a half in front by a similar depth, to be taken on the River St. Lawrence, bounded on one side by the lands belonging to the Montreal Seminary and on the other by unconceded lands, in front by the said river and in rear by unconceded lands, together with the two small islands situated in front of the said tract of land, and the River St. John included ;

To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de la Valterie, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place, shall lie before..... subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said grant, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default thereof he shall re-

enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said *Sieur de la Vallerie* shall preserve the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and shall stipulate, in the private concessions made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject moreover to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 9.

Title of one half of the fief de la Durantaye, petitioned for by the Religious Ladies Hospitallers of the General Hospital of Quebec.

TO THE SIEUR DE LA DURANTAYE.

JEAN BAPTISTE TALON, one of the King's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care, and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Christian name, which was the principal object in the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified properly to fill it up by their labor and application to agriculture and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the *Sieur de la Durantaye*, Captain of a Company of Infantry in the said Regiment, having petitioned us to make him a grant of land therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in various places, both in Old and in New France since he came hither by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur de la Durantaye*, a tract of land, of two leagues in front, by a similar depth, on the River St. Lawrence, bounded on one side at half an arpent beyond the falls which are on the land of the *Sieur des Islets*, and on the other side by the Bellechasse Channel, the same not included, and more if found within the said limits, in front by the said river, and in rear by the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniory, with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said *sieur de la Durantaye*, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before; subject also to the condition that he shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said Seigniory, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default thereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said *Sieur de la Durantaye* shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and shall likewise stipulate, in the private grants made to his tenants, the reservation of all oak timber, fit for ship building, in the extent of the same; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereunto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 10.*Titles of the Seignior of Bellechasse.*

THE SIEUR DE RIGAUVILLE.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known in the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilised men the greatness of his name and the strength of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might be hereafter exposed, has sent to this country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of whom, conforming themselves to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to connect themselves with the country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur Berthier, Captain of a Company of Infantry in the said Regiment, having petitioned us to make him a grant of lands therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France since he came to this country by order of His Majesty, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Berthier, a tract of land of two leagues in front by a similar depth, on the River St. Lawrence, from the cove of Bellechasse, including the same, going towards the River du Sud, the same not included: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Berthier, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and ducs, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established for the said place shall lie before....., subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior; that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted to them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Berthier shall preserve such oak timber as may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for

his principal manor house, and moreover shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 11.

TO DAMOISELLE MARIE ANNE JUCHEREAU, WIDOW OF THE SIEUR DE LA COMBE.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known to the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and judging that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and Damoiselle Marie Anne Juchereau, widow of the late Sieur de la Combe Pocatière, in his life time half-pay Captain in the regiment of Carignan, and quarter-master of the said regiment, having petitioned us for a grant of lands;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which the said late Sieur de la Combe has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France whither he had come by order of His Majesty, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Damoiselle de la Combe, an extent of land of one league and a half in front by a similar depth, on the River St. Lawrence, adjoining on one side the grant made to the Sieur de St. Denis, and on the other side the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniorly with jurisdiction, herself, her heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said widow la Combe shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject to the condition that she shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorly, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which she may give to her tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which she may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing she shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Damoiselle la Combe shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which she shall have set aside for her principal manor house, and moreover that she shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the private grants made to her tenants; and also that she shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that she shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

LE SIEUR DE CHAMBLY.

JEAN TALON, King's Counsellor of State and Privy Counsellor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of men fit by their personal qualities properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan, and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur de Chamblay, captain in the said regiment and commander of the troop of Carignan, having petitioned us to grant him a portion of land:

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came here by His Majesty's order, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Chamblay a tract of land of six leagues in front by one league in depth, on the river St. Louis, to wit: three leagues on the north side of the said river (two leagues on this side of the fort which is built thereon and one league beyond it), and three leagues on the south of the said river; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Chamblay, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before. . . .; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seigniority, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, for one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Chamblay shall preserve all the old titles which may be found within the limits of the

land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber as may be found within the limits of the private grants made to his tenants, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 13.

Title of the Seigniorship of St. Ours.

MR. DE ST. OURS.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that end than to compose this colony of people qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan, and others, most of whom, conforming themselves to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements and seigniorships of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur the St. Ours, captain in the said regiment, having petitioned us for a grant of land therein:

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came to this Country by His Majesty's order, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de St. Ours a tract of land on the River St. Lawrence, commencing at the boundary of the grant made to Monsieur de Contrecoeur, and running as far as that which belongs to Mr. de Saurel, bounded in front by the said river, and in rear by the River Ouamaska; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de St. Ours, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed provisionally in this respect and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may have been appointed for the said place shall lie before.....; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seignior, and shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de St. Ours shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building as may be found within the limits of the private grants made to his tenants; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie des Indes Occidentales*) of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 14.

LE CHEVALIER ROQUE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

Whereas His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of extending in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this Colony of people qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labour and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Conuntry a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means; and whereas the Sieur Chevalier Roque, ensign in the company of Chambly, has petitioned us for a grant of lands therein:

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came to this Country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he professes himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Chevalier Roque an extent of land of four leagues in front by one league in depth, on the River St. Louis, to wit: two leagues on the north of the said river, beginning one league above Fort St. Louis, and two leagues on the south side, opposite the said two leagues lying on the north; to have and to hold the said extent of land in fief, seigniorly and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Chevalier Roque, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before....; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seigniorly, and shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Chevalier Roque shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within

the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the private grants made to his tenants; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all such mines, ores and minerals as may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 15.

Title of the Fief of Contrecoeur.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Whereas His Majesty having at all times sought with the care and zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of extending in the most distant Countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God with the Christian name, first and principal end of the establishment of the French colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilised men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might be exposed hereafter, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of whom, conforming themselves to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means,—And whereas the Sieur de Contrecoeur, captain in the said regiment, has petitioned us for the grant of a portion of land therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France since he came to this Country by command of His Majesty, and also in view of those which he professes himself

willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Contrecoeur an extent of land of two leagues in front, by a similar depth, on the River St. Lawrence, running from the lands belonging to the Sieur de St. Ours as far as those belonging to the Sieur de Vitré ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying realty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Contrecoeur, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Contrecoeur shall reserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house ; also that, in the private grants which he may make to his tenants, he shall likewise stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of such mines, ores and minerals as may be found within the limits of the said fief, and moreover that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

By command of His Lordship,

Signed,

TALON.

VARNIER.

No 16.

Title of the Fief Saurel.

MR. DE RAMESAY.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Whereas His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of extending in the most distant Countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and

having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of whom, conforming to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to connect themselves with the Country, by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means ; and whereas the Sieur de Saurel, captain in the regiment of Carignan, has petitioned us to grant him a portion thereof ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us, and in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old and as in New France since he came here by His Majesty's command, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Saurel a tract of land of two leagues and a half in front, to be taken on the River Saint Lawrence, to wit : one league and a half beyond the River Richelieu by two leagues in depth, if such a quantity be found there, together with the Isles St. Ignace, Isles Rondes and Isles de Grace, thus called on our figurative plan ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Saurel, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and vicounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may have granted or may grant them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Saurel shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house ; moreover that he shall stipulate, within the limits of the private grants made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber, fit for the building of vessels ; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed,

TALON.

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 17.

THE SIEUR DE GRANVILLE.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France ;

To all who these presents letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most distant countries, by the propagation of the Faith, and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the christian name, first and principal end of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known unto the parts of the world remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the sieur de Grandville, ensign of the company of having requested us to grant him a portion of the land therein,

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in divers places as well in Old as in New France since he came to the latter country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he seems willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant, and concede unto the said Sieur de Granville, the small island called *du Portage* in the River St. Lawrence, together with half a league of land on this side and half a league on the other side of the said island by in depth : To have and to hold the said land as a fief and seigniority with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hom-mage*) which the said Sieur de Grandville, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rents and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be provisionally followed in this respect and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and that the appeals from the judge who may have been established at the said place shall lie before..... subject also to the condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority within one year, and that he shall stipulate the same in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants, in default whereof he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Granville shall preserve the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the private concessions made to his tenants, fit for the building of vessels ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the

limits of the said fief, and also subject to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roads and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N° 18.

Titles of the Fief of Cressé, or River Nicolet.

THE SIEUR COURVAL.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God, with the name of Christian, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known unto the parts of the earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men, the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and judging that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons capable of advantageously filling it up by their personal qualifications, of improving it by their labor and application to the culture of the soil, and maintaining it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops, the greatest part of whom, conforming themselves to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to fix themselves in this country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Laubia, Captain of a Company of Infantry in the said Regiment of Broglia, having requested us to grant him a certain space thereof,

We, under and in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came here by His Majesty's order, and considering those which he seems willing to

render hereafter, in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, as by these presents do grant, give and concede to the said Sieur de Laubia, the quantity of two leagues in front by the same depth, to be taken on Lake St. Peter, to wit: one league above and one league below the River Nicolet, the same included: To have and to hold the said extent of land in fief, seigniorly and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sr. de Laubia, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Louis at Quebec, in whose domain he shall be, subject to the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be provisionally followed in that respect and until His Majesty shall have otherwise ordained, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who shall have been appointed to the said seigniorly shall lie before. ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorly, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he shall grant to his tenants, that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he shall grant or shall have granted to them, and in default thereof he shall have the right to resume the possession of the said lands; that the said Sr. de Laubia shall preserve the oak timber within the limits of the private concessions made to his tenants, fit for ship building; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief, and subject to the condition of leaving all necessary roads and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

Signed, *ne varietur*, according to the deed of exchange passed before the undersigned Notaries, this twenty-seventh day of February of one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed, DULART,
LAUBIN,
RENOUARD, and
TERRET.

With a flourish.

N^o 19.

Titles of the seigniory of St. Ann, one half to the Sieur de Sueur, represented by the Sieur d'Orvilliers, and one half to the Sieur de Lanauguerre, represented by the Sieur de la Pérade.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries in North France ;

To all who these presents shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care, and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown Countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known unto the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strength of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this Colony of men fit by their personal qualities properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against all insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan, and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious desings of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieurs de Sueur, lieutenant, and Lanauguerre, ensign in a company of Infantry, having desired us to grant them a tract of land therein ;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which they have rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old France as in New France, since they came here by His Majesty's orders, and in view of those which they seem willing to render again hereafter, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said de Sueur and de Lanauguerre that certain space of land which may be found on the River St. Lawrence at the place called "Grondines," from the lands belonging to the Religious Ladies of the Hospital, as far as the River St. Ann, the same included, by one league in depth, with also the quantity of land which they have acquired from one Amelin by contract passed before, Notary, which said contract, as far as is necessary, we have ratified and approved ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniory and jurisdiction, themselves, their heirs and assigns, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieurs Sueur and Lanauguerre, themselves, their heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of Quebec, in whose domain they shall be, subject to the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed thereto shall lie before ; subject to the condition that they shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on

their said seignior, and that they shall stipulate in the deeds of concession which they may grant to their tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which they may make or may have made to them, and that in default of so doing, they shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said de Sueur and Lanauguerre shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found in the limits of the land which they will have set aside for their principal manor house, and also that they shall stipulate the reservation of the said oak timber, over the whole extent of the private concessions made to their tenants, which may be fit for the construction of vessels; also that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of the mines and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that they shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,
With a flourish.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 20.

Title of Moras Island.

THE DAMOISELLE WIDOW OF THE SIEUR BEAUBIEN.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known in the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defense against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects,

officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Moras, ensign of the company of., having petitioned us to make him a grant of lands therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he seems willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Moras the island called., lying and being at the mouth of the River Nicolet on the shore of the River St. Lawrence, to have and to hold the said island as a fief and seignior with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Moras, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may have been established at the said place shall lie before.; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he shall grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Moras shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 21.*Titles of the Fiefs de Varennes and du Tremblay.*

MR. DE VARENNES.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Varennes, lieutenant of the company of. and governor of Three-Rivers, having petitioned us for a grant of lands therein ;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he has declared himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Varennes twenty-eight arpents of land in front by one league and a half in depth, to be taken on the River St. Lawrence, bounded on one side by the grant made to the Sieur de St. Michel, and on the other side the grant of the Sieur Boucher and the space of land which may be found from the grant of the said Sieur Boucher, going as far as the River Notre-Dame, including one half of the said river, by a similar depth, together with the two Islands called *Percées*, and marked on our figurative plan A and B, and three islands lying and being between the channel marked on our said plan G. H. J. together with the two others marked L. M., being in litigation on account of the claim which the Sr. Dugué pretends to have on the same, until His Majesty shall have ordained to whom the same shall belong ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Varennes, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before. ; subject to the condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house

and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *ipso jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Varennes shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house; moreover that he shall stipulate, in the private grants made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

Signed,

TALON.

With a flourish.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 29.

Title of the Fief of Ste. Thérèse Island.

MADAME DE LANGLOISERIE.

JEAN TALON, Intendant over all New France.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this Colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by

forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur Dugué, captain in the said regiment, having petitioned us for a grant of lands;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter Country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he seems willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Dugué the Island of Ste. Thérèse, together with the adjacent islands and islets, save and except the rights of the Sieur de Repontigny to that to which he may legitimately have any pretensions, and which shall be adjudicated to the one to whom it may be thought proper to grant the same, to be marked on a figurative plan by Jean Guyon, Sieur du Buisson, sworn land-surveyor, who shall go on the said spot at the cost of whom it may appertain, and a *procès verbal* whereof he shall draw up and which shall be forwarded to us; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Dugué, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold; subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may have been established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject to the condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he shall grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Dugué shall preserve the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N° 23.

Title of the Fief de Tilly.

MR. LE GARDEUR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the strenght of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of people properly qualified to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the Regiment of Carignan and others, most of whom, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, are willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur de Villieu, lieutenant of the Company of Berthier, having petitioned us to grant him a portion of land therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came here by His Majesty's order, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Villieu, the extent of land which may be found on the River St. Lawrence, from the boundaries of the concession made to the Sieur de Lauzon, running as far as the little River Talon, called *de Villieu*, the same included, by one league and a half in depth: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniorly with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sr. de Villieu, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before. subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seigniorly, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, likewise, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the lands which he may grant or have granted to them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Villieu shall preserve such oak timber as may be found within the limits of the said seigniorly; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of

all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 24.

Title of the Fief d'Orvillier.

THE SIEUR PELLETTIER ANTOYE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries of North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church, the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the earth remotest from the intercourse with civilised men, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might be exposed hereafter, has sent to this country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the Regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means ; and the Sieur De Comporté having petitioned us to grant him a part thereof ;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter country, and in view of those which he now renders and declares himself willing to render hereafter, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur De Comporté, one half of a league of land in front by one league in depth, on the River St.

Lawrence, bounded on one side by the concession belonging to Sieur Dautray, running along the said river, and going towards the ungranted lands, with *l'Isle au Foin* and the small islands situated between the front of his main land and the said *Isle au Foin*: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur De Comporté, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before..... subject also to the condition that he shall keep house and home on his said seignior within one year, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he shall give to his tenants, that they shall be obliged within one year to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he shall have granted them, and that in default thereof he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Comporté shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants which he shall make to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said fief; and also, that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this tenth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed, TALON,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

Signed BEGON.

No 25.

Title of the fief de Berthier.

MR. LESTAGE.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with care and that zeal which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown parts of the world, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of the establishment of the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the

intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this Colony of persons qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and their application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might be hereafter exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur Randin, ensign of the Company of Saurel, having petitioned us to grant him a portion of land therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came to this Country by His Majesty's order, and in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Randin one half league in front on the River St. Lawrence, by one league in depth, to commence running from the concession made to the Sieur de Comporté, and going as far as the unconceded lands, together with the island called after his name of Randin; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Randin, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Randin shall preserve all the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, which may be found on the said tract of land, and also that he shall cause his tenants to preserve the same; moreover that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found on the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereunto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And further down,

Signed, TALON.

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER,
With a flourish.

MR. DE LA HUSSODIÈRE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known in the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects, officers of his troops in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de la Hussodière having petitioned us for a grant of land;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he seems willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, grant and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de la Hussodière one league of land in front by one league in depth, to commence running from the land granted to the Sieur de Crevier, descending towards the River Nicolet, including the Chenail Tardif; To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniorly with jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de la Hussodière, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge established at the said place shall lie before. . . . subject also to the condition that he shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorly, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de la Hussodière shall preserve all oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grant made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall

give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company (*Compagnie Royale des Indes Occidentales*) of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 26.—2^o

Title of the Fief de Lussaudière.

MR. RAIMBAULT.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seigneur of the said place, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, his Governor and Lieutenant-General over the whole extent of New France; and

DEMEULLES, Knight, King's Councillor in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

Be it known that by our Ordinance of the twenty-sixth of May last, and for the causes therein set forth, we had declared the Sieur de la Lussaudière to have forfeited his title of concession of the land and seigniory of Lussaudière, which had been conceded to him by Monsieur Talon, heretofore Intendant in this Country, as far back as the twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and the same reunited to His Majesty's domain, to be disposed of by us under his will and pleasure as we might deem fit and proper; and the Sieur de la Motte de Lussière, residing at Montreal, having humbly prayed us to grant him the said concession formerly held by the said Sieur de la Lussaudière, consisting of one league in front by one league in depth, to commence running from the property of the Sieur Crevier, descending towards the River Nicolet, including the *Chenail Tardif*, with also the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and of fishing and hunting over the whole of the said tract of land, on which he offered to make immediately several works and clearings;

We, after having caused our said Ordinance of the said twenty-sixth day of May to be exhibited to us, and which was rendered in consequence of the decrees of the King's Council

bearing date the fourth day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and the ninth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, concerning the escheat of concessions, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de la Motte de Lussière has rendered in this Country, as well at the Fort of Frontenac where he has commanded during the absence of the Sieur de la Salle by order of Count de Frontenac, then Governor, as of that at Conty where he has also commanded under the orders of Monsieur de la Salle, and those which we hope he will continue to render hereafter, and under the power entrusted to us jointly by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, as by these presents we do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de la Motte de Lucière the above specified tract of land, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), together with the right of hunting and fishing over the whole of the said tract of land, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Lieutenant-General of Three Rivers, and also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he shall grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found fit for the building of vessels, within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; also, that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; subject to the condition that he shall clear and settle the said tract of land, and furnish the same with buildings and cattle within two years, in default whereof this concession shall be null and void; the whole under the good will and pleasure of his Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents ratified.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Montreal, the twenty-sixth day of July one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed,

LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE,

DEMEULLES.

And further down,

By command of their Lordships,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

No 27.

Title of the Seigniority of Verchère.

MONSIEUR DE VERCHÈRE.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty having always sought with care and the zeal suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of making known to the most unknown countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God and the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing a French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and judging that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this colony of persons qualified by their personal character properly to fill it up, to extend it by their labor and application to agriculture, and to maintain it vigorously against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a certain number of his faithful subjects, officers of his armies in the regiment of Carignan and others, most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with the Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Verchère, ensign in the company of Monsieur de Contrecoeur, having petitioned us for a grant of lands;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter country by order of His Majesty, and in view of those which he seems willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, and do grant, give and concede to the said Sieur de Verchère, an extent of land of one league in front by one league in depth, to be taken on the River St. Lawrence, commencing to run from the grant made to the Sieur de Grand-Maison, descending towards the ungranted lands, as far as those belonging to the Sieur de Vitré, and if there be more than that quantity of land between the said Sieurs de Verchère and de Vitré, it shall be equally divided amongst them; To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Verchère, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seigniority, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession

of the said lands; that the said *Sieur de Verchère* shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house; and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building, in the private grants made to his tenants; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Québec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER,
With a flourish.
LOUIS.

N^o 28.

Title of the Fief of the Bouchard Islands.

THE SIEUR DESJORDY.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming to his intentions, settle in this Country lands and tenements of a considerable extent, and the *Sieur de Bécancourt* having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein, on behalf of the *Sieur Fortel*, his brother, who is desirous of making known in all places his zeal for His Majesty's service;

We, in consideration thereof, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur Fortel* the islands contained in the figurative plan which the said *Sieur de Bécancourt* has given us and which are marked A, reserving to the King the right of disposing of those marked B. as he may think fit and proper, which said figurative plan remains annexed to the copy hereof, so that reference may be thereunto had if necessary; to have and to hold the said islands in fief and seignior, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject

to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Fortel, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to perform at the Castle of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rents and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before..... subject on the part of the said Sieur Fortel to the condition that he shall be held to cause house and home (*feu et lieu*) to be kept within one year on the said seignior, and also that he shall stipulate the same clause in the title deeds which he shall grant to his tenants, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *ipso jure* into the possession of the lands which he may have granted them; that the said Sieur Fortel shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private concessions made to his tenants the reservation of the said oak timber fit for the building of vessels; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents ratified within one year from the date hereof.

In faith and testimony whereof we have signed these presents, caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two-

Signed,

TALON.

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 29.

MESSIEURS LE GARDEUR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in this country, by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieurs Pierre Le Gardeur et Jean Baptiste Le Gardeur, Sieurs de St. Michel, Esquires, having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having requested us to grant them a portion of land therein;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Pierre Le Gar-

deur and Jean-Baptiste Le Gardeur, Sieurs de St. Michel, one league and a half of land in front by a similar depth, on the north channel of the River St. Lawrence, to wit: three fourths of a league above the River Maskinongé, and as much below, including the said river: To have and to hold the said tract of land as a fief and seigniorship unto them, their heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieurs Le Gardeur, their heirs and assigns shall be held to render at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before; subject also to the condition that they shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorship; and that they shall stipulate in the title deeds which they may grant to their tenants, that they shall be held to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which they may grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing they shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieurs Le Gardeur shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which they shall have set aside for their principal manor house, and moreover that they shall stipulate in the private grants to be made to their tenants the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; and also, that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and also subject to the condition that they shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

No 30.

THE SIEUR DUQUET, JUNIOR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in this country by forming therein

settlements of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur Duquet having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having requested us to grant him a portion of land therein;

We, in consideration of the good services which he has rendered to His Majesty in this country, and also of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Duquet thirty arpents of land in front by fifty in depth on the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the River called Villieu to the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land as a fief and seigniorie unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Duquet, his heirs and assigns shall be held to render at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorie, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *plens jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Duquet shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 31.

THE SIEUR DUQUET, SENIOR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur Duquet, an inhabitant of this country, thirty arpents of land in front by fifty in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the concession made to the Sieur Duquet, his son, to the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Duquet shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until it shall have been otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on his said seigniory, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and in default thereof, he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Duquet shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

Title of the Fief of Vincelotte.

MR. DE VINCELLOTTE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, in consideration of the good services that the late Amiot has rendered in this Country, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, as by these presents we do give, grant and concede unto Damoiselle Geneviève de Chavigny, widow of the said late Amiot, one league of land by a similar depth, to commence running on the River St. Lawrence from the Cape St. Ignace, the same included, going as far as the unconceded lands ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seigniory and jurisdiction, unto her, her heirs and assigns ; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Damoiselle Amiot shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and also that she shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, or that she shall stipulate in the deeds of concession, which she may grant to her tenants, that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which she may make or may have made unto them, and that in default of so doing she shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same ; that the said Dame Amiot shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which she may have set aside for her principal manor house ; and also that she shall stipulate the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for the building of vessels, which may be found within the limits of the private concessions made or to be made to her tenants ; also that she shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief, and subject also to the condition that she shall leave all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom she shall be held to have these presents ratified within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed on the original,

TALON,
With a flourish.

And further down,

By order of His Lordship,

VARNIER,
With a flourish.

N^o 33.*Title of the Fief of Lafrenaie.*

ALEXIS GAGNÉ OR THE SIEUR GAMACHE AND BELLEAVANCE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries in North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have granted, given and conceded, and do grant, give and concede to Gamache and Belleavance one half league of land by one league in depth, to commence running on the River St. Lawrence, from the concession of the Demoiselle Amiot, going towards that of the Sieur Fournier, to have and to hold the said tract of land, unto themselves, their heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et homage*) at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; subject to the condition that they shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that they shall stipulate, in the deeds of concession which they may grant to their tenants, that they shall be held to reside within one year and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which they may grant or may have granted them, and in default of so doing, they shall have the right to resume the possession of the said lands ; that the said Gamache and Belleavance shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which they may have set aside for their principal manor house, and also that they shall stipulate the reservation of the said oak timber over all the extent of the private concessions made or to be made to their tenants, fit for ship building ; also that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief, and also that they shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents ratified within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

TALON.

And lower down,

VARNIER.

And sealed with the seal of his said Lordship in Spanish red wax.

N^o 34.*Title of the Fief Bonsecours.*

MR. LE GARDEUR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the Sieur de Villeneuve, an inhabitant of this country, thirty arpents of land in front by fifty in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, from the land belonging to the Religious Ursuline Ladies, running as far as the ungranted lands, descending the said River : To have and to hold the said tract of land unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et homage*) which the said Sieur de Villeneuve, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said fief ; that the said Sieur de Villeneuve shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate in the grants made or to be made the reservation of the said oak timber fit for ship building ; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and moreover subject to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER,

With a flourish.

Titles of the Fief de la Badie.

MR. DE TONNANCOURT.

We have granted unto the Sieur de la Badie a concession of twenty arpents of land on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the settlement of the Sieur Ameau, *alias* St. Severin, ascending along the said river, and terminating at the settlement of Mr. Boucher; provided always that the same be not conceded to any other person, and subject to the condition that he shall cause works to be immediately performed thereon and render the same valuable, agreeably to and in conformity with the King's intentions, and subject to the same clauses and conditions.

Done at Quebec, the tenth day of February one thousand six hundred and seventy.

Signed, COURCELLE.

JEAN TALON, &c.

Greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of gratifying such persons as, conforming to his great and pious designs, wish to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de la Badie, sergeant of the company of Laubia, having already begun to carry into effect His Majesty's intentions and petitioned us for a grant of land;

We, in virtue of the power conferred on us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, and do hereby grant, give and concede to the said Sieur de la Badie a quarter of a league in front by half a league in depth, to be taken on the River Saint Lawrence above Three Rivers, from the concession of the Sieur Severin Ameau going towards that of the Sieur Pierre Boucher; to have and to hold the said land, in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Badie, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of Saint-Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues according to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be bound to reside within one year and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, in default whereof he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de la Badie shall preserve such oak timber as may be found on the land which he shall have reserved to himself for his principal manor house, and shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, throughout the extent of the private grants made or to be made to his tenants; also, that he shall give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the

mines, ores or minerals if any be found within the extent of the said fief; and moreover that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within a year from the date of the same.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Signed,

TALON,

With a flourish.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER,

With a flourish.

Signed also,

G. DE TONNANCOUR,

BEGON.

N^o 36.

THE SIEUR DE GRANDMAISON.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de Grandmaison thirty arpents of land in front by one league in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the lands belonging to the Sieur de St. Michel, descending the said river towards the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniorship unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Grandmaison, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorship, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may have granted or may grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Grandmaison shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house; more-

over that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 37.

Title of the Fief commonly called St. Joseph.

PIERRE BERNIER.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State, &c., Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France, greeting.

We do hereby make known that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Fournier thirty arpents of land by two leagues in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, adjoining on one side the Sieur de L'Espinay, and on the other side the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Fournier, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he shall give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Fournier shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate, in the grants made and to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship-building; also, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India

Company of the ores, mines and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this thirteenth day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 38.

THE SIEUR MINVILLE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

Know ye that, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Minville sixteen arpents of land in front by fifty in depth, on the River Chaudière, including the Isle Fortunée, situate opposite, the said sixteen arpents of land adjoining on one side a rivulet facing the upper extremity of the said island, and on the other side, descending the said river as far as the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the said land as a fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Minville, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he shall grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Minville shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all

the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 39.

Title of the Fief of Boucherville.

MONSIEUR DE BOUCHERVILLE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in the country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur Boucher having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Boucher, one hundred and fourteen arpents of land in front by two leagues in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, bounded on both sides by the Sieur de Varennes, together with the Islands called *Percées*, marked on our figurative plan C. D. E. F.; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all the rights of seigniorship and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Boucher, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may have been established at the said place shall lie before . . . ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorship, and

that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Boucher shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the private grants made to his tenants; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 40.

THE SIEUR BISSOT.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Bissot seventy arpents of land in front by one league in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, from the property belonging the Sieur de la Citière, going as far as the unconceded lands; this concession thus made in favor of Jean-Baptiste and Bissot, his children, in order to afford them the means of settling themselves; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority unto himself, his heirs and assigns, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Bissot, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; on condition also that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house

and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur Bissot shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of the said oak timber fit for ship building ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 41.—1^o

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, Seigneur of the said place, King's Councillor in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant-General over the whole of New France and Acadia ; and

DEMEULLES, Seigneur de la Source, Knight, King's Councillor in his Councils, &c., Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country ;

To all who these present letters shall s.e, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Charles Couillard, Esquire, Sieur de Beaumont, Seigneur and proprietor of the said place, which said place, it appears had been granted unto him by Monsieur Talon, heretofore Intendant in this Country, at as early a period as the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, the title of the said land and seigniory having been burnt in the house of the Sieur Rageot, Royal Notary in this Country, in the conflagration of the Lower Town, which took place on the fourth day of August one thousand six hundred and eighty-two, the whole as it has been made apparent to us by an extract of the *papier-terrier*, in which it is mentioned that the said Sieur de Beaumont had performed, since the said year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, the fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he was obliged to perform by reason of his said fief of Beaumont, in the presence of Mr. Du Chesneau, heretofore Intendant of this Country, on the sixth November one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven ; who afraid of being hereafter disturbed in the enjoyment of his said land

and seigniory of Beaumont, in consequence of the loss of his said deed of concession, has very humbly prayed us to grant him another title similar to the one granted him by the said Mr. Talon, the said land and seigniory consisting of two leagues in front on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the boundary of the property of the Sieur de la Durantaye, going as far as that of the property of the heirs of the Sieur Bissot, by one league and a half in depth, in fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting and fishing over the whole extent of the said land ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted and confirmed, and by these presents do grant and confirm unto the said Charles Couillard, Sieur de Beaumont, the enjoyment of the said land and seigniory of Beaumont, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting and fishing within the limits of the tract of land hereinbefore specified, according to the clauses set forth in the said *papier-terrier* ; to have and to hold the same hereafter unto the said Sieur de Beaumont, his heirs and assigns, and enjoy and dispose thereof as they may think proper, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established on the said seigniory shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of this City of Quebec as being the nearest royal jurisdiction ; subject nevertheless to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Beaumont and his said heirs shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be provisionally followed in this respect ; also subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same ; and that the said Sieur de Beaumont shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the extent of the said tract of land ; that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein ; and that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roadways and passages, and that he shall furnish the said land and seigniory with buildings and cattle ; the whole under His Majesty's will and pleasure.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec the seventh day of October one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed,

LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, and

DEMEULLES.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

REGNAULT.

N^o 41—2^o

THE SIEUR DES ISLETS DE BEAUMONT.

JEAN TALON, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in this country, by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur des Islets having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of land therein;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur des Islets all that quantity of land which may be found on the River St. Lawrence, between the property of the Sieur Bissot and that of Mr. de la Durantaye, by one league and a half in depth: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur des Islets, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may grant or may have granted them; and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur des Islets shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house; moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants, the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And further down,

Signed, TALON.

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N° 42.

Title of the Fief de la Boisselière.

THE WIDOW BOISSEAU.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in this country, by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur de Vitré having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Vitré, one half of a league of land in front by one league in depth, to commence running from the seigniory of Contrecoeur, going up towards the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all rights of seigniory and jurisdiction, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Vitré, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he shall grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may have granted them, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Vitré shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON, with a flourish.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER, also with a flourish.

No 43.

Titles of the Fiefs of Saint Mary and Gastineau.

THE SIEUR GASTINEAU.

JEAN TALON, one of His Majesty's Councillors of State and Privy Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North America ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Lemoyne, inhabitant of the Cape de la Madelaine, three fourths of a league of land, by one half of a league in depth, to commence running on the River St. Lawrence from the settlements of the Jesuits, going as far as the River St. Ann, if such quantity be found therein ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Lemoyne, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Caste of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said sieur Lemoyne shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the private grants made or to be made to his tenants ; also that he shall give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; and also that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

Thus signed,

TALON,

And countersigned, By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

And sealed with red wax.

With a flourish,

I have granted to the Sieur Lemoyne, inhabitant of the Cape de la Madelaine, the tract of land situate between the grant of the (Jesuit) Fathers and the River St. Ann, on the River St. Lawrence, in case there should be only three fourths of a league in the said

tract of land, and half a league ascending the River St. Ann, including the Island called *des Pins*, which is opposite the said grant, in order that he may work thereon immediately, provided always that the same be not granted to any other person, and a title-deed thereof shall be given him as to others.

Done this third day of January, one thousand six hundred and sixty nine.

Thus signed, COURCELLE.

N^o 44.

THE SIEUR LEMOYNE DE LONGUEUIL.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting

We do hereby make known that, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Lemoyne, Sieur de Longueil, the extent of land which is yet ungranted, along the shore of the River St. Lawrence, from the boundaries of the property of the Sieur de Varennes, going as far as the property of the said Sieur Lemoyne and the Jesuit Fathers, together with the adjacent islands and islets, by..... in depth, without any prejudice to the rights of others; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all the rights of seigniority and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Lemoyne, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.... subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep house and home (*tenir feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Lemoyne shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made and to be made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 45.

THE SIEUR MARSOULET.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other Countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur Marsollet, an inhabitant, one half league of land in front by one league and a half in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the River of the..... to the ungranted lands, in the direction of the seigniory of Ste. Foyx: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and all rights of seigniory, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Marsollet, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may have granted or may grant unto them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Marsollet shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of the said oak timber, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject moreover to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 46.

MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE LEGARDEUR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto Jean-Baptiste Legardeur one league of land in front by one league in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the tract of land containing three fourths of a league in extent granted to the Sieurs Legardeur and St. Michel, his brothers, above the River Maskinongé ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and all rights of seignior and jurisdiction unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Legardeur, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may have granted or may grant unto them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur Legardeur shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate, in the private concessions made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of the said oak timber fit for ship building ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; subject moreover to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 47.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the poor of the Quebec Hospital, three fourths of a league of land by three leagues in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, at the place called *Grondines*, joining on one side the concession belonging to the Religious Ladies of the said Hospital, on the other the ungranted lands, descending along the said River in the direction of Chavigny: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, unto the said Hospital, its successors and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that the said Hospital shall cause house and home (*feu et lieu*) to be kept on the said seignior, and that it shall stipulate in the contracts which it may grant to its tenants, that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions that it may grant them, and that in default of so doing it shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Hospital shall preserve all the oak timber which shall be found on the tract of land which it shall have set aside for its principal manor house, moreover that it shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building as may be found within the limits of the private concessions made to its tenants; also that it shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that it shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom it shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 48—1^o

Titles of the Fief of Isle du Pas and du Chicot.

THE SIEURS BRISSET AND DANDONNEAU.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons, as conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in the country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means; and the Sieur Du Pas, having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein,

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Du Pas, the Isle du Pas and the adjacent islands, together with one fourth of a league below and one fourth of a league above the River du Chicot, by one league and a half in depth, provided always that such quantity of land do not encroach on the land granted to the Sieur Le Gardeur, which shall be marked on the figurative plan which the said Sieur Du Pas shall be obliged to forward to us, together with the *procès-verbal* of Jean Guion, Sieur du Buisson, sworn Land Surveyor, who shall go on the spot and draw up his *procès-verbal* to be forwarded to us: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Du Pas, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may grant or may have granted them; and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Du Pas shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall sti-

pulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals that may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

And sealed with a seal of red wax.

N^o 48.—2^o

THE SIEUR DUPAS.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in this country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur Dupas having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Dupas the Isle Dupas and the adjacent islands, together with one fourth of a league above and one fourth below the River *du Chiquot*, provided always that such a quantity do not encroach upon the grant made to the Sieur Le Gardeur, junior, which shall be marked on the figurative plan which the said Sieur Dupas shall be held to forward to us together with the *procès-verbal* of Jean Guyon, Sieur Dubuisson, sworn land-surveyor, who shall go on the spot and draw up his *procès-verbal* which shall be forwarded to us; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniory, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Dupas, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty

of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that he shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the private lands which he shall grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Dupas shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 49.

Title of the Fief of Lachevrotière.

MADAME DE LACHEVROTIÈRE AND MADAME DELATESSERIE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, under and in virtue of the power granted to us by His Majesty, we have granted, given and conceded, and by these presents do grant, give and concede to the Demoiselle de la Tesserie the quantity of land which may be found between the grant made to the poor of the Hospital of Quebec, and that to Chavigny, by a depth equal to that of the said Chavigny.—To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, herself, her heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Demoiselle, her heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, subject to the customoray duties and dues, and

agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that she shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, and that she shall stipulate in the title-deeds which she may give to her tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which she may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing she shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Dlle. de la Tesserie shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which she shall have set aside for her principal manor house, and moreover that she shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building, as may be found within the limits of the private grants made or to be made to her tenants; and also that she shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents ratified within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

Nº 50.

THE SIEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de Repentigny the two islands called *Bourbon*, claimed by the Sieur Desmouceaux and ceded by him under and in virtue of an amicable settlement made between them: To have and to hold the said lands, subject to the same rights as those under which he enjoys his lands and seigniory of.....; and to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Repentigny, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the

provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants, that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Repentigny shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 51.

THE SIEUR JEAN-BAPTISTE LE GARDEUR, JUNIOR.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded unto Jean-Baptiste Le Gardeur, junior, one league of land in front by one league in depth, to be taken from the first Rapid on the River *des Prairies*, ascending towards the ungranted lands, joining in front the said River, and in rear the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Le Gardeur, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and

subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may grant or have granted unto them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said *Sieur Le Gardeur* shall preserve all the oak timber on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; moreover on condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed, TALON.

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 52.

Title of the Fief of Gastineau.

THE SIEUR GASTINEAU.

The *Sieur Boucher*, to whom this concession had been made, has sold it to the *Sieur Gastineau*, according to a deed passed before *Lepailleur*, Notary, at Montreal, the 28th July 1712, for and in consideration of the sum of 200 livres, current money of this Country, set forth in the act of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said *Sieur Gastineau* has performed for the said fief (*sic*).

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, as by these presents do give, grant and concede to the *Sieur Boucher*, the son, three fourths of a league of land in front, by one league in depth, to be taken on the Cape (Lake ?) Saint Peter, from the concession of

the Sieur Boucher, his father, going as far as the ungranted lands ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority unto him, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle Saint Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he shall grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, in default of which he shall regain his full right of property to the said lands ; that the said Sieur Boucher shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and also that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber which may be found within the limits of the private concessions made or to be made to his tenants, fit for ship building ; also that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to the West India Company, of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said fief ; also that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 53.

Title of the Fief of Normanville.

MR. DE TONNANCOUR.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating all such persons as, conforming to his great and pious designs, are willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Normanville having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur de Normanville* one half of a league of land in front by one league in depth, to commence running from the River aux Loutres, going towards the concession made to the *Sieur Seigneuret*, his father-in-law; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniorie unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said *Sieur de Normanville*, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of *Thuris*, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordered by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniorie, and that he shall stipulate, in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants, that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the private concessions which he may grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said *Sieur de Normanville* shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house; moreover that he shall stipulate, in the private concessions made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed,

TALON.

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

On the memorial presented to us by the *Sieur Normanville*, stating that being burthened with a large family he was possessed of no habitation, we have granted unto him a concession above the *Pointe du Lac St. Pierre*, to commence running from the concession belonging to the *Sieur Seigneuret*, ascending on the borders of the said lake for the space of one half of a league; subject to the condition that he shall cause work to be immediately commenced thereon agreeably to the King's intentions.

Given the tenth day of July one thousand six hundred and seventy.

Signed,

COURGELLE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition to us presented by Louis Godefroy, Esquire, Sieur de Normanville, King's Attorney for Three Rivers, stating that having a grant under the title of fief and seigniorie along Lake Saint Peter near Three Rivers, there is between his said grant and that of the Sieur Seigneuret, his father-in-law, a beach or ground containing about one hundred arpents in superficies, along the said lake, separated by a line running North-West and South-East, the two said grants bounded by and contiguous to each other; which ground being still ungranted would be very useful to him for the pasturing of his cattle, should we be pleased to grant it to him and join it to the title of his said grant;

We, in virtue of the power conferred on us by His Majesty, have, to the said Sieur de Normanville, given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede the said beach or ground being along the said lake, separated by a line running North-West and South-East between his said grant and that of the Sieur Seigneuret; the said ground containing one hundred arpents, or thereabouts, in superficies, to be united and incorporated with the title of his said grant, and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns for ever on the same terms, clauses and conditions contained in his said title.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec this thirteenth day of September one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

Signed,

G. DE TONNANCOUR.

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BEGON.

N^o 54.

THE SIEUR BERTHELOT.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries in North France;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and

concede to Monsieur Berthelot the Isle *Jésus*, with the Isles *aux Vaches* and other adjoining islands; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all the rights of seigniory and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Berthelot, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said sieur Berthelot shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate, in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER,

N^o 55.

THE SIEUR BOUCHER.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France; greeting.

Know ye that, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the Sieur Boucher one league and a half of land in front by two leagues in depth, to be taken as follows, to wit: three fourths of a league above the River *à Machis*, and the same quantity below

the said river; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all the rights of seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Boucher, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before...; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he shall grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur Boucher shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he may have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made to his tenants the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 56.

Title of the Fief de Bellair.

THE SIEURS TOUPIN.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the Sieurs Toupin, the father and the son, half a league of land in front, by one league in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, one half below and one half above the *Pointe*

aux Ecureuils, joining on both sides the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, being in the domain of the Royal West India Company, unto them, which the riheirs and assigns, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) the said Sieurs Toupin, their heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that they shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that they shall stipulate in the title deeds which they may grant to their tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which they may grant or may have granted them, and that in default of so doing they shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieurs Toupin shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which they shall have set aside for their principal manor house, and also that they shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to their tenants, the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; also that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to the said Company of all mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and also subject to the condition that they shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this thirtieth day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

And sealed with Spanish red wax.

N^o 57—10

THE SIEUR DE LA NAURAYE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de la Nauraye one half of a league of land in front by one

league in depth, on the River Ste. Ann, from the settlement of the Sieur Lemoyne, running as far as the ungranted lands: To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seigniority unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Nauraye, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customgry duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may have granted or may grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de la Nauraye shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber, fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,

And lower down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

N^o 57—20

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, Marquis de Vaudreuil, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France;

JACQUES RAUDOT, King's Councillor in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country of New France.

Marie Madeleine de Chavigny, widow of the late Sieur Jean Lemoyne, an inhabitant residing at St. Mary of Batiscan, having represented to us that the said late Sieur Lemoyne had

acquired from Louis de Niort, Sieur de la Nauraye, the tract of land, fief and seigniory of la Noraye, comprising all that extent of land situate at the said place called Batiscan from the boundary of the concession made to the said late Lemoyne by Mr. de Courcelle, heretofore Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in this country, dated the third January, one thousand six hundred and sixty-nine, and by Mr. Talon, Intendant, dated the third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, to the boundary of the seigniory of St. Ann, the property of the late Sieur de Sueur and of the Demoiselle de la Nauguerre, bounded at one end by the River St. Ann and at the other end by the property of the Reverend Jesuit Fathers, by deed passed by the late Mr. Gilles Rageot, in his life-time Royal Notary of the provostship of this City, dated the ninth November, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine, by which said deed of sale the said late Sieur de la Noraye did oblige himself to deliver to the said late Lemoyne the title of concession which the said late Sieur Talon had granted him for the said tract of land, which said undertaking he has not fulfilled, having always said that the same was lost; and the said de Chavigny being afraid that hereafter she or her heirs and assigns might be troubled and molested in the possession and enjoyment of the said tract of land, in default of her exhibiting the said title of concession, has most humbly petitioned us to grant her a new title, in consideration whereof and having seen the above dated deed of purchase of the said tract of land, together with a certificate of the said late de Sueur, dated the twenty-fifth February, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven, by which it appears that it was he and the said late de la Nauguerre who had pointed out the said extent of land;

We, under and in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have again given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said de Chavigny the said extent of land which may be found between the boundary of their concession and that of the seigniory of St. Ann, and from the said River St. Ann to the boundary of the Jesuit Fathers, to enjoy the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, and continue to enjoy the same under the title of fief and seigniory with the privilege of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said de Chavigny, her said heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which the said extent of land shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; to preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; to give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country, of the mines and minerals, if any be found within the said limits, and to cause house and home (*feu et lieu*) to be kept thereon by her tenants; to open or cause to be opened the said tract of land, to allow therein all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; to allow the beach to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of the part thereof which she may require for her fishery; and in case that hereafter His Majesty should want any part of the said tenements to erect thereon buildings and fortifications, and require to take the timber necessary to build, fortify and fence, he does hereby reserve to himself the right of taking it without being bound to pay for the same, and hold to any remuneration towards the proprietors thereof: and she under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents satisfied within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of October one thousand seven hundred and eleven.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
RANDOT.

And further down,

By their Lordships' command,

DUMONTIER, and
FEURREL.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 58.

THE SIEUR DE MANEREUIL.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor of State and Privy Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries of North France ;

To all whc these present letters shall see, greeting.

We hereby make known that under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by the presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de Manereuil, one league of land in front by two leagues in depth on Lake St. Peter, one half of a league above and one half of a league below the *Rivière du Loup*, including the same : To have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et homage*) which the said Sieur de Manereuil, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; subject also to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the title deeds which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may have granted or may grant unto them, and that in default of so doing, he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Manereuil shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate in the private grants made or to be made the reservation of the said oak timber fit for ship building ; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits

of the said fief; and moreover subject to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, the third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed TALON,

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

No 59.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the Sieur de St. Ours, junior, one league of land in front by one league and a half in depth, to commence running from below the first rapid of the River *de l'Assomption*, going towards the ungranted lands; and this grant is thus made in consideration of the name given to him at the baptismal font in that of the King, and to replace to the Sieur de St. Ours, his father, what is wanting of the two leagues of land which were to be delivered to him, on the River St. Lawrence, to constitute the grant made to him; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief with all the rights of seigniority and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de St. Ours, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before.....; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he shall give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de St. Ours shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, moreover that he shall stipulate, in the private grants made and to be made to his tenants, the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals

which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In faith and testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

VARNIER.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 60.

THE SIEUR DE LOTBINIÈRE.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty being desirous of remunerating such persons as, conforming themselves to his great and pious designs, are willing to fix themselves in the country by forming therein lands and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de Lotbinière having already begun to carry into effect the intentions of His Majesty, and having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Lotbinière the extent of land which may be found on the River St. Lawrence, from the boundary of the grant made to the Sieur Marsollet, running as far as the grant to the Religious Ursuline Ladies, by one league in depth; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief and seignior, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Lotbinière, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; subject to the condition that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and shall stipulate in the title-deeds which he may give to his tenants that they shall be held, within one year, to reside and keep house and home on the lands which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of so doing he shall

re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Lotbinière shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house ; and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for ship building, in the private grants made to his tenants ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief ; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec, this third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed, TALON,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

Nº 61.

THE SIEUR DE ST. LUSSON.

JEAN TALON, King's Councillor in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia and other Countries of North France ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

His Majesty having at all times sought with zeal and that care which is suitable to his just title of eldest son of the Church the means of extending in the most unknown Countries, by the propagation of the Faith and the diffusion of the Gospel, the glory of God with the Christian name, first and principal object of establishing the French Colony in Canada, and accessorially of making known to the parts of the Earth remotest from the intercourse with civilized men the greatness of his name and the power of his arms, and having judged that there were no surer means to that effect than to compose this Colony of persons qualified properly to fill it up by their personal character, to extend it by their labor and their application to agriculture and to maintain it by a vigorous defence against the insults and attacks to which it might hereafter be exposed, has sent to this Country a number of his faithful subjects and officers of his troops and others. most of them, agreeably to the great and pious designs of His Majesty, being willing to connect themselves with this Country by forming therein settlements and seigniories of an extent proportionate to their means, and the Sieur de St. Lusson having petitioned us to grant him a portion of the lands therein ;

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which he has rendered to His Majesty in different places, as well in Old as in New France, since he came to the latter Country by His Majesty's order, and also in view of those which he declares himself willing to render hereafter, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us,

have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de St. Lusson one league of land in front by _____ in depth, on the River St. Lawrence, to wit : one half league this side of the little river situate between l'Echaffaud au Basque and the Saguenay, and one half league beyond it, together with the Island called l'Isle au Lièvre ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seigniory and jurisdiction, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de St. Lusson, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before..... ; subject to the condition that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory, within one year, and that he shall stipulate the same clause in the title-deeds which he may grant to his tenants ; that the said Sieur de St. Lusson shall preserve all the oak timber which may be found on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house ; moreover, that he shall stipulate, in the private concessions made to his tenants, the reservation of the said timber fit for ship building ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief, and also subject to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

This seventh November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And lower down,

Signed,

TALON.

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

N^o 62.

THE SIEUR D'AMOUR.

JEAN TALON, &c.

We do hereby certify to all to whom it may appertain that we have granted leave unto the Sieur Damour, Councillor in the Supreme Council of this Country, to cause works to be performed on a tract of land of one league in front by one league and a half in depth, to wit : one half league this side, and one half league beyond the River Matane ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

At Quebec this eighth day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

And further down,

Signed,

TALON.

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER.

CONCESSION TO THE JESUIT FATHERS.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for the King in Canada ; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on what has been represented to us by the R. F. Dablon, Superior of all the Missions of the Society of Jesus in this Country, stating that since many years different Missionaries of the said Society have penetrated into the depth of the forests and travelled along rivers with the view of carrying the Faith into the midst of the distant tribes of Indians who inhabit this large portion of the world, and principally Father d'Alloys who has resided for twenty-two years in the Countries inhabited by the Illinois, Mihamis, Otawas and other nations where he has settled Missions and more especially one on the river called Mihamis, named since St. Joseph, falling into the South of lake Illinois or Ontagamis, where there is a Chapel and a Mission, on which said River the said Reverend Father Dablon is desirous that the said Father Dalloys or some other Missionary should continue to perform the exercises of Religion for the instruction of the heathen nations who inhabit the said Country, and for that purpose praying that it might be our pleasure to grant him a tract of land on which he might erect a Chapel and a dwelling house and sow a certain quantity of grain and vegetables for the maintenance of the Missionaries who may reside therein, and in order also to help the French who may trade in the said Country ;

In consideration thereof, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given and conceded unto the said Reverend Father Dablon and other Missionaries a tract of land of twenty arpents in front on the said River St. Joseph, by twenty arpents in depth at the spot which they shall find the most convenient to build the said Chapel and dwelling house and to sow grain and vegetables ; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Missionaries for ever, subject on their part to the condition that they shall be held to build thereon a Chapel and a dwelling house within three years, and to reside thereon, and that they shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within the said space of three years.

In testimony whereof we have signed the present concession, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the first day of October one thousand six hundred and eighty-six.

Signed,

LE M. DE DENONVILLE,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By command of their Lordships,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 64.*Title of the Fief of the River des Trois-Pistoles.*

THE SIEUR RIOU.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that considering that it has been represented to us by the Sieur Charles Denis de Vitré, Councillor in the Supreme Council of this Country, that he would be desirous that we might be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, a tract of land of two leagues in front, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the grant to the Sieur Villeroy, according to his title-deed, of the Island, descending the said River St. Lawrence, the River des Trois-Pistoles included, and the islands which may be found within the two leagues of the present grant, by two leagues in depth, with also the Isle *aux Basques*, if it be situated within the limits of the said tract of land hereby granted, giving the right to the said Sieur de Vitré of establishing, within the said tract of land, all such fisheries as may be made use of;

We, in order to afford to the said Sieur de Vitré the means of carrying his intentions into effect, and considering that the good and advantage of the country principally consist in clearing the lands, inhabiting them and establishing fisheries, have, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Vitré a tract of land of two leagues in front, on the south of the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the grant to the Sieur de Villeroy, according to his title-deed of Green Island, descending the River St. Lawrence, the River des Trois-Pistoles included, and also the islands which may be situate within the two leagues of the present grant, by two leagues in depth, also the Isle *aux Basques*, if it be situated within the limits of the tract of land hereby granted, with the right of hunting and trading with the Indians; to have and to hold the said tract of land and island hereby granted, unto the said Sieur de Vitré, his heirs and assigns, as their own and indefeazible property, for ever, subject to the same conditions as the neighbouring grants, under the condition that he shall preserve the rights of others, which said tract of land and island the said Sieur de Vitré shall hold in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general at Quebec; subject also to the condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the lands which he shall grant them, and that

in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Vitreshall preserve the oak timber, fit for ship building, which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of the said oak timber within the limits of the private grants which he may make; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by the Secretary of us, Intendant.

Done at Quebec, the sixth day of January, one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. DE DENONVILLE,

And signed,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY,

And further down,

By Their Lordships command,

FREDIN.

N^o 65.

THE SIEUR MATHIEU AMIOT DE VILLENEUVE.

JACQUES RENÉ BRISAY, Marquis of Denonville, Governor, &c.

JACQUES BOCHART, Seigneur of Champigny, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Mathieu Amiot de Villeneuve, stating that Mr. Talon, heretofore Intendant in this Country, had granted him, on the third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, thirty acres of land in front by fifty in depth on the River St. Lawrence, on the south shore of the said river, to commence running from the land belonging to the Ursulines, going as far as the ungranted lands, and that the said Religious Ladies, under and in virtue of the grants made to them since the said third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, have caused the said tract of land thus granted to him to be cleared and inhabited, by reason whereof he requested us to grant to him the said lands situate and being between the grant belonging to the said Religious Ladies, called Ste. Croix, and that belonging to the Widow Duquet, the said extent of land containing seventy-four arpents in front by two leagues in depth, to have and to hold the same in fief and seigniory;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to Sieur Villeneuve the said quantity of land, on condition that the said Villeneuve shall cause the said tract of land to be measured by a land-surveyor who shall have been agreed upon between him and the Religious Ladies and the Widow Duquet, so that they may exactly know if the said quantity of land may be found within the limits of his said grant; to have and to hold the said tract of land, himself, his heirs and assigns, as their own and indefeasible property, for ever, in lieu and stead of the said grant made to him by Mr. Talon, on the third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; also that he shall cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and that in default thereof His Majesty shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said land; that the said Sieur Villeneuve shall preserve the oak timber fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and subject also to the condition that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 66.

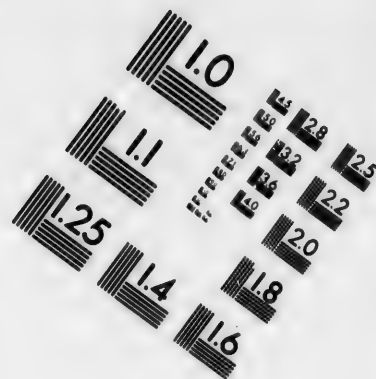
TO THE QUEBEC SEMINARY.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.; and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

Taking into consideration the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Superior and Officers of the Quebec Seminary, stating that the said Seminary is proprietor, under the title of fief, of a certain extent of land, on the River St. Lawrence, comprising the *Sault au Matelot*,





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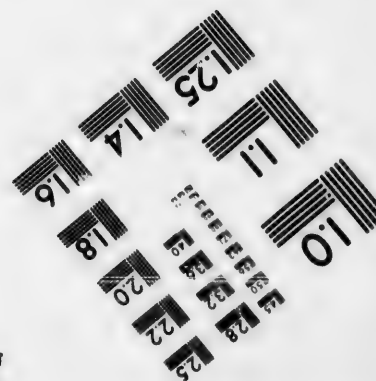
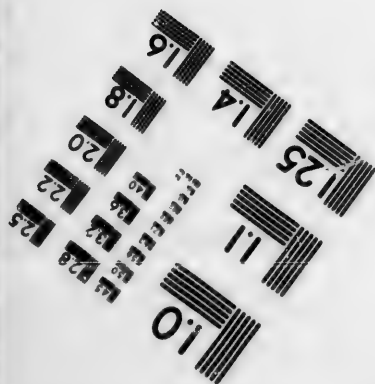
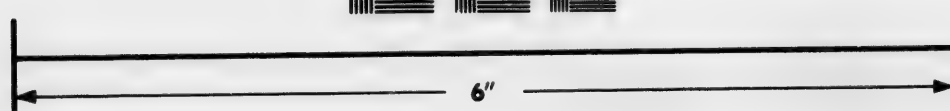
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and running as far as the property belonging to the *Hôtel Dieu* of this City, under the right of *amortissement*, granted by *Messieurs de la Compagnie*, then seigniors of this country, by letters patent bearing date the twenty-eight March 1674, by donation from *Messire François de Laval*, first Bishop of this City, made and executed before Carnot and De Troyes, Councillors and Notaries at the *Châtelet* of Paris, on the 8th April 1680, to which said *Sieur* Bishop the same belonged for having acquired it from Guillemete Hébert, widow Couillard, by title deed made before Becquet, the 10th April 1666, which said tract of land she had inherited by succession from the late Louis Hébert, her father, unto whom donation of the same had been made in the year 1622 by Monsieur the Duke of Montmorency, at that time Vice-Roy of this country, and afterwards confirmed by Monsieur the Duke of Ventadour, his successor, under and in virtue of a deed bearing date the last day of February 1626 ; all which parties above named have always since and without interruption enjoyed the said tract of land, together with the beach which is situate opposite thereto, by building thereon and laying out the fisheries which they have always had a part thereof on which the said Ecclesiastics have placed several grantees and settlers on beach lots below the said *Sault au Matelot*, but after having considered that in account of there not having been made express mention of the said beach in the title deeds and contracts above mentioned, troubles and hindrances might arise therefrom, the said *Sieurs Ecclesiastics*, Superior and officers, have petitioned us to grant them a special title for the property of the said beach in favor of the said Seminary, together with those situate and lying opposite the seignior of Beaupré, and others belonging to them ;

Wherefore and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Seminary of this City, the beaches lying and being along the whole extent and in front of the lands belonging to them, under the title of fief : To have and to hold the same under the same titles and with the same rights as those set forth in the title deeds of concession of the said tracts of land, and subject to no other condition than those mentioned in the said title deeds, and also that no person shall have the right of troubling or disturbing them in the enjoyment of the said beaches, as well that of the said *Sault au Matelot* as those situate in other places, belonging to them, under the title of fief : To have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieurs Ecclesiastics*, their successors and assigns forever, as the property of the said Seminary ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom the said *Sieurs Ecclesiastics* shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven.

Signed,

J. RÉNÉ DE BRISAY

De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordships' command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 67.

TO THE QUEBEC SEMINARY.

JACQUES RÉNÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition which has been presented to us by the Sieurs Superior and officers of the Seminary of this City, requesting that it would be our pleasure to grant unto the said Seminary the concession, under the title of fief, of *l'Isle aux Coudres* and beaches around the same: To have and to hold the same unto the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics, their successors and assigns, under the said title of fief, with the customary rights of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land, inasmuch as the said tract is at their convenience on account of their property of the *Cap de Tourmente* and *Baie St. Paul*, situate and lying opposite the same,

We, therefore in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Seminary of this City, the said *Isle aux Coudres* and the beaches situate and being around the same: To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics, their successors and assigns, under the title of fief, together with the right of fishing and hunting within the limits of the said tract of land; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be held to perform by one of them or by an Attorney for them, at the Castle of St. Lewis of this City, of which they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, and moreover subject to the condition that no trade with the Indians shall be carried on within the limits of the said tract and that the same shall be inhabited by no other persons than those belonging to the said Seminary; that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said island, and that they shall give notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, &c.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordship's command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

TO THE SIEUR RIVERIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seignior of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country;

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Denis Riverin, Agent of the Gentlemen late lessees of this Country under the Doudiette Lease, praying that we would be pleased to grant him as his own and indefeasible property the Bay and River called *Cap-Chat*, situate at the commencement of the *Monts Notre-Dame*, on the River St. Lawrence, below Quebec, with six arpents of land only, on each side of the said river, so that he might build thereon all necessary and convenient buildings and stores for the fishery which he intends to commence there next spring, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said grant;

We, in order to contribute as much as possible to the establishment of fisheries, and considering that it is the most advantageous thing that can be done for this Colony, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Riverin, as his own and indefeasible property, the Bay and River called *Cap-Chat*, situate at the commencement of the *Monts Notre-Dame*, on the River St. Lawrence, below Quebec, together with six arpents of land only on each side of the said river, so that he may build thereon all necessary and convenient buildings and stores for the fishery which he intends to commence there next spring, together with the rights of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said grant; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieur Riverin, his heirs and assigns, as his own and indefeasible property, charged with and subject to the payment of two *sols de cens*, payable each and every year, to the receiver of the King's Domain in this Country, at Quebec, and to keep house and home (*tenir feu et lieu*) on the said grant; to preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land, and to give immediate notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be discovered within the limits thereof, and to leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, and in conformity with his ordinances and regulations, from whom he shall be bound to obtain the confirmation of these presents within a year from the date of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by the Secretary of us, Intendant.

Given at Quebec, the twelfth day of March, one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By command of Their Lordships.

N^o 69.—1^o

ACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, considering what has been represented to us by the Sieur de Villeray, first Councillor in the Supreme Council of this Country, that as early as the year one thousand six hundred and eighty four, he had obtained from Monsieur de la Barre, Governor and Lieutenant for His Majesty in the said Country, and Monsieur Demeulles, Intendant, in the names of Augustin Rouer, Esq., Sieur de la Cardonnière, and Louis Rouer, Esq., Sieur d'Artigny, his sons, a grant of two leagues in front on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from a river situated opposite Green Island, by two leagues in depth, in which said grant the said river is included as well as the said Green Island; and that in consequence thereof he had caused to be made on the said grant a considerable settlement under the care of the said d'Artigny, who had caused a sufficient space of land to be opened thereon, built houses, barns and stables, and furnished it with cattle, but having afterwards gone upon the said grant, and found that there was no other place within the whole extent of the said grant but the aforesaid river, on which the said Sieur d'Artigny has opened the said settlement, where profitable settlements could be made, by reason of there being different places which are not inhabitable, and therefore it would be difficult to divide the said grant amongst his sons,—in order to remedy to which, he begged of us to assign and grant unto the said Sieur d'Artigny alone the above concession as having settled the same, and to grant another of an equivalent size to the said Sieur de la Cardonnière, who, for that effect, has pointed out to us the undermentioned places, to wit:

Two leagues of land in front on the said River St. Lawrence, to commence running from and adjoining and contiguous to the grant of Bic, belonging to the Sieur de Vitré, Councillor in the said Council, descending the said river, by two leagues in depth, together with the River called Rimouski, with also all other rivers and rivulets, if any be found within the said extent of land, together with the Isle *Saint-Barnabé*, and the shoals, islands and islets that may be found in front of the two leagues aforesaid, as far as the said Isle *Saint-Barnabé*, with the rights of fief, seigniority and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of fishing and hunting opposite and within the limits of the said extent of land, and of trading with the Indians, as it has been granted to those who have obtained grants in that part of the Country;

We, regarding the representation of the said Sieur de Villeray, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de la Cardonnière the said extent of two leagues of land, meadow and forest, in front on the said river, to commence running from, and adjoining and contiguous to the said grant of Bic, belonging to the said de Vitré, des-

ending the said river, by two leagues in depth towards the interior, together with the river called Rimouski and other rivers and rivulets, if any be found within the said extent of land, with also the Isle Saint-Barnabé and the shoals, islands and islets which may be found situate between the said lands and the said island; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieur de la Cardonnière, as his own and indefeasible property, under the title of *seignior* and fief with the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the privilege of hunting and fishing opposite and within the said limits, and trading with the Indians, as it has been granted to the proprietors of the neighbouring concessions, the whole nevertheless without detriment to the rights of others; under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Cardonnière, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Caste of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said grant shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that appeals from the decisions of the judges who shall be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of this city; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home by his tenants on the grants which he shall make them, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de la Cardonnière shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber, fit for ship building, which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber as may be found within the limits of the private grants he may make, and that he shall give immediate notice to the King of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; in consideration whereof and in conformity to the intention of the said Sieur de Villeray, the said Sieur de la Cardonnière shall claim no right whatever to the said grant of two leagues in front, opposite Green Island, the same included, circumstances and dependancies, which had been granted to him, jointly with the said Sieur d'Artigny, his brother, by the Sieurs de la Barre and Demeulles, in the said year one thousand six hundred and eighty four, which said grant is declared nul and void with regard to him, and as far as may be necessary, withdrawn and reunited to the King's Domain, and in consequence thereof, moreover, given, granted and conceded to the said Sieur d'Artigny alone, and subject to the same rights as mentioned in the title of concession granted by the said Sieurs de la Barre and Demeulles; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by the Secretary of us Intendant.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordships' command,

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THE SIEUR DE LA CARDONNIÈRE.

JACQUES RÉNÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We hereby make known that considering what has been represented to us by the Sieur de Villeray, first Councillor in the Supreme Council of this Country, that having since the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-four, obtained from Monsieur de la Barre, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in this said country, and Monsieur de Meulles, Intendant, for Augustin Rouier, Esquire, Sieur de la Cardonnière, and Louis Rouier, Esquire, Sieur d'Artigny, his sons, a concession of two leagues in front on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from a river situate and being opposite *l'Isle Verte*, by two leagues in depth, the said concession including the said river, together also with the said *Isle Verte*; and that in consequence thereof he has caused to be made on the said tract of land a large settlement under the care of the said Sieur d'Artigny who has caused a considerable extent of land to be cleared thereon, houses, barns and stables to be built, and the same furnished with cattle, but having gone to the said locality and perceived that there were no parts of the said concession, except along the said river where the said Sieur d'Artigny has made the settlement, on which any good establishment could be made on account of there being divers uninhabitable places, in consequence whereof it would be difficult to divide the said concession between his two sons; in order to remedy which he requested us to assign and grant the said concession to the said Sieur d'Artigny alone as having settled the same, and to grant one of equivalent size to the said Sieur de la Cardonnière, who, to that effect, has designated the hereinafter mentioned tract of land, to wit: two leagues in front on the said River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the concession of *Bic* belonging to the Sieur de Vitré, Councillor in the said Council, descending the said river, by two leagues in depth, together with the river called *Rimouski*, and all other rivers and brooks which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land, together also with the island of St. Barnabé, shoals, islands and islets which may be found opposite the said two leagues of land as far as the said Island of St. Barnabé, with the rights of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, superior, mean and inferior (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting and fishing opposite and within the said tract of land, and of trading with the Indians, as it has been granted to those who have already obtained concessions in that part of the country.

We, having regard to what has been represented to us by the said Sieur de Villeray, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Cardonnière the said extent of two leagues in front, including meadow and forest, on the said River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the concession of *Bic*, belonging to the

Sieur de Vitré, descending the said river, by two leagues in depth towards the interior of the lands, together with the river called Rimouski and other rivers and brooks which may be found within the said tract of land, together also with the island of St. Barnabé, and the shoals, islands and islets situate between the said tract of land and the said island: To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieur de la Cardonnière as his own and indefeasible property, in fief and seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with the right of hunting and fishing opposite and within the said tract of land, and of trading with the Indians, as it has been granted to the proprietors of the neighbouring concessions, provided always that other persons' rights shall be preserved; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Cardonnière, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle St. Lewis in Quebec, of which the said tract of land shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of this city; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he shall grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de la Cardonnière shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the tract which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber in the private concessions which he may grant; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; in consideration of which and according to the intention of the said Sieur de Villera, the said Sieur de la Cardonnière shall have no the right or claim whatever on the concession of two leagues of land in front opposite *P Isle Verte*, including the said island, circumstances and dependancies, which had been granted unto him, jointly with the said Sieur D'Artigny his brother, by the said Sieurs de la Barre and de Meulles in the said year one thousand six hundred and eighty-four, which said concession we have declared null and void, as far as he is concerned, and inasmuch as it may be necessary, withdrawn and reunited to the King's Domain, and in consequence moreover given, granted and conceded unto the said Sieur D'Artigny alone, subject to the same rights as those set forth in the said deed of concession granted by the said Sieurs de la Barre and de Meulles: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by the Secretary of us Intendant.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fourth April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,
M. De Denonville.
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 70.

THE SIEUR DE ST. CASTIN.

JACQUES RENE DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other countries of North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Norcy, Verneuil and other places, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known, that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Vincent de St. Castin, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) two leagues of ungranted lands in front, on the River St. John, joining the lands of Jemesec, by a similar depth of two leagues, at his discretion;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de St. Castin the said two leagues of land in front, to be taken in the granted lands, on the River St. John, joining the lands of Jemesec, at his discretion, by a similar depth of two leagues: To have and to hold the said tract of land unto him, his heirs and assigns henceforth under the title of fief, seigniory and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*justice haute, moyenne et basse*), subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the Judge shall lie before the ordinary court in Acadia, also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands; and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber which may be found on the said extent of land, fit for ship building; and also that he shall give immediate notice to the King of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found thereon; and that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed. and this present concession is thus made on condition that he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared, inhabited and furnished with cattle and buildings within. from the date of the confirmation of these presents, otherwise this concession shall be null and of no effect.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Montreal, the fourteenth October one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. RENE DE BRISAY,

M. De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordships' command,

N^o 71.

THE SIEURS LESSART, DE LA NORAYE AND OTHERS.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France ; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country ;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We hereby make known that on what has been represented to us by the Sieurs de Lessart, on behalf of Marguerite Sevestre, his wife, de Lanoraie on behalf of Marie-Magdeleine Sevestre, his wife, Charles Gauthier, Marie-Denise Sevestre, wife of the Sieur Nepveu, and Catherine Gauthier, widow of Denis Duquet, stating that jointly with the Sieurs de la Cardonnière and d'Artigny as representing their late mother, and Ignace Gauthier, and the Damoiselle Anne Gauthier, wife of the Sieur Ragueneau, as representing Guillaume Gauthier, their father, all as heirs of the late Mr. Charles Sevestre in his life time Particular Lieutenant in the jurisdiction of Quebec, and Dame Marie Pichon, heretofore his wife, and widow of the late Gauthier, there belongs to them by undivided shares (*par indivis*) a certain extent of land, meadows and forests, consisting of two leagues in front, on the River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth, lying and being between the lands belonging to the Sieur Dautray and those belonging to the Sieur de la Valterie, in the direction of Montreal, and as it has always remained undivided on account of the great number of co-heirs whose residence is distant from each other, and as some of them consider the same as of no value, they have not as yet been able to come to any division (*partage*), so that the said tract of land has remained uninhabited, although the said concession has been granted to the said late Sieur Sevestre more than thirty years ago, and it is more than twenty-six since it has become by succession the property of the said co-heirs, which are indubitable reasons to have the said co-heirs precluded from their right of possession to the said tract of land ; His Majesty granting such concessions only in order that they may be inhabited, cleared and cultivated ; and they moreover having learned that the title deed of concession, which had been granted for the said tract of land, had been burnt, at the time the house of the Sieur de Villeray was destroyed by fire, the said Sieurs de Lessart, de la Noraye, Gauthier, Marie-Denise Sevestre, and widow Duquet, have petitioned us that, in consideration of the premises, we might be pleased, inasmuch as might be necessary, to reunite, in accordance with the decree of His Majesty's State Council, the said tract of land to the King's domain, and grant the same to them under the title of fief and seigniory with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of fishing and hunting as well on as opposite the extent of the said tract of land, and trading with the Indians, as the said right has been granted to others who have obtained concessions in those quarters, offering to cause the same to be settled immediately ;

We, having regard to the said representations and offers, have reunited, as far as necessary, and do hereby reunite the said tract of land to His Majesty's domain, and in consequence thereof, and under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us

by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs de Lessart, de la Noraye, in their said names and qualities, Charles Gauthier, Marie-Denize Sevestre, wife of Nepveu, and Catherine Gauthier, widow Duquet, the said extent of land, meadows and forests, consisting of two leagues in front on the River St. Lawrence by two leagues in depth, to be taken between the lands of the Sieurs Dautray and de la Valterye, in the direction of Montreal : to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, as their own and indefeasible property, seigniority and fief, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting and fishing opposite and within the limits of the said tract of land and trading with the Indians, as it has been granted to the owners of the neighbouring grants ; the whole nevertheless without prejudice to the rights of others, and subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieurs de Lessart, de la Noraye, Gauthier, wife Nepveu and widow Duquet, their heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and that appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place, shall lie before the Royal Judge of Three Rivers ; subject also to the condition that they shall keep and cause to be kept house and home by their tenants on the concessions which they may grant them, and that in default of so doing they shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the said lands ; that they shall preserve all the oak timber fit for ship building on the lands which they shall have set aside for their principal manor house, and moreover that they shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber within the limits of the private grants which they shall make to their tenants, and also that they shall give immediate notice to King of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said fief ; subject also to the condition that they shall leave all necessary roadways and passages : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-seventh April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordship's command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 72.

TO THE SIEUR LAMOTHE CADILLAC.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France ; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seignior of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur La Mothe Cadillac residing in Acadia, praying that we would be pleased to grant unto him the place called Donaquec, near Magets, being a dependancy of Acadia, and for that purpose would grant him two leagues of land in front on the sea shore, by two leagues in depth towards the interior of the land (the River Donaquec dividing in two the said two leagues of land in depth, to wit : one league to be taken on the west side of the said river and one league on the other side of the same, running towards the east, the front of the said two leagues of land facing towards the south on the sea side and the depth towards the north, together with the island of Mountdesert, and other islands and islets, situate in front of the said two leagues of land, to have and to hold the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), he being desirous of forming a settlement thereon and causing the said tract of land to be cleared in order to render the same valuable ; We, in consideration thereof and under and in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and do grant and concede forever unto the said Sieur Cadillac the said place called Donaquec, of two leagues in front on the sea by two leagues in depth, the River Donaquec dividing the same through the middle, the same river not included, together with the island of Mountdesert and other islands and islets situate in front of the said two leagues of land, the whole as it is hereinabove more fully designated : To have to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns forever, under the title of fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of fishing and hunting within the whole extent of the said concession, he being obliged to render fealty and homage at the Castle and Fort of Acadia in the hands of the Governor for the King, and to pay the customary dues at each and every mutation of proprietor ; the whole according to the Custom of Paris ; to preserve or cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber which may be found on the extent of the said concession fit for the building of vessels, and to give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found ; to cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land, and to commence within three years from this day to work in order to settle the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Montreal, this twenty-third day of July one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordship's command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 73.

THE SIEUR DENIS RIVERIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Denis Riverin, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the property of the River St. Ann, situated at the commencement of the *Monts Notre-Dame*, on the River St. Lawrence, together with half a league in front on the said river St. Lawrence, one half above and one half below the said river St. Ann, the same not being comprised in the said extent of land, by one league in depth, in order that he may establish fisheries thereon for the catching of cod, whales and other fish, and cause persons to settle on the same, and the whole to possess under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and trading with the Indians within the said extent;

Upon which and in virtue of the power granted to us by His Majesty, we have granted, and conceded, and do grant and concede to the said Sieur Riverin for ever the said river St. Ann, situate at the commencement of the *Monts Notre-Dame*, on the River St. Lawrence, together with half a league in front on the said river St. Lawrence, one half above and the other half below the said river St. Ann, the same not being comprised, by one league in depth in the interior of the lands, in order that he may establish thereon fisheries for the catching of cod, whales and other fish, and settle inhabitants on the said lands; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Riverin, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and trading within the said tract of land hereby granted; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the city, provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general at

Quebec; further on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber that may be found within the limits of the said concession fit for the construction of vessels, and give notice to His Majesty or to the Governor of the country, of all the mines, ores and minerals if any be found; cause to be inserted the same conditions in the concessions that he will be allowed to grant on the said land, and commence within three years from this day to work and settle the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In witness whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, this twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight.

Signed

J. R. DE BRISAY,
M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordships' command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 74.

PIERRE CHESNET, ESQUIRE, SIEUR DUBREUIL.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We hereby make known that on the petition to us presented by Pierre Chesnet, Esquire, Sieur Dubreuil, praying that we would be pleased to grant him for ever the property of two leagues in front on the River St. John, at the place designated by the Indians under the name of *Kanibekachiche* and *Petit Nakchouac*, that is to say, one league on one side and one league on the other side of the same, the said places, *Kanibekachiche* and *Petit Nakchouac*, forming the centre of his concession, with the islands and islets which may be situated in front, by three leagues in depth, together with the right of trading with the Indians and hunting and fishing on the whole of the said; to hold the same in fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*);

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede for ever to the said Sieur Dubreuil two leagues of land in front on the said River St. John at the place designated by the Indians by the name of *Kanibekachiche* and *Petit-Nakchouac*, namely, one league on one side and one league on the other side of the same, the said places *Kanibekachiche* and *Petit-Nakchouac* being the centre of the concession, with the islands and islets situated in front,

by three leagues in depth, together with the right of trading with the Indians and hunting and fishing within the said tract of land—To have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the privilege of fishing and hunting within the whole extent of the said concession, subject to fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, and to pay the ordinary dues at every mutation of proprietor, the whole according to the Custom of Paris; to preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber that may be found on the whole extent of the said concession fit for the building of vessels, and to give notice to His Majesty or to the governor of the country of all mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein; to cause to be inserted the same conditions in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land, and to commence within three years from this day to work in order to settle the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, this seventh day of January, sixteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY,

By Their Lordships' command,

FREDIN.

N^o 75.

Title of the Fief of the River Mitis.

THE SIEUR LEPAGE.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for the King in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur François Pachot, merchant in this city, praying that we might be pleased to grant unto him with the entire right of property the front of the River Mitis, on the River St. Lawrence, running in depth one league by one league in front on the said River St. Lawrence, one half above and one half below the said river Mitis, by a similar depth, so that he may establish

thereon fisheries for codfish, whale, seal, and also other establishments: To have and to hold the same in fief, seignior and jurisdiction;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and do grant and concede forever unto the said Sieur Pachot, the front of the said River Mitis, on the River St. Lawrence, running one league in depth, and one league of land in front on the said river St. Lawrence, one half above and the other half below the said river Mitis, by a similar depth of one league, so that he may erect there fisheries for cod-fish, whale and seal, and other establishments: To have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Pachot, his heirs and assigns forever, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said grant, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) to be performed at the Castle St. Lewis at Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Lieutenant-General at Quebec; further on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber that may be found within the limits of the said concession fit for ship building; give notice to His Majesty or to the Governor of the country of all mines, ores and minerals, if any be found; cause to be inserted the same condition in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land, and commence within three years from this day to work and settle on the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, this seventh day of January, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY.

M. De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By their Lordship's command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

And alongside there are two seals.

N^o 76.

TO THE SIEURS RIVERIN, CHANION, CATIGNON AND BOUTHIER.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

On what has been represented to us by the Sieurs Riverin, Chanion, Catignon and Bouthier, merchants and traders in this country, purporting that a considerable trade could be

opened with the Indians along the Esquimaux Coast and also with those dwelling in the Island of Newfoundland, and that they were on the point of forming themselves into a company in order to attempt the said trade as early as the ensuing spring if it were our pleasure to grant them, with the full right of property as a fief, seignory and jurisdiction, the island called *Belisle*, situate and being at the entrance of the straits bearing the same name, coming from the east, together with six leagues of land along the said *Esquimaux* coast, and a similar extent of land on the coast of the Island of Newfoundland which faces and forms the straits of *Belisle*, together with the right, exclusively to all others, during twenty years, of trading and otherwise dealing with the said Indians, from the place called the *Bancs-Sablons*, lying and being on the said coast of the *Esquimaux*, as far as thirty leagues along the coast of Labrador going towards Hudson's Straits, and moreover all along the coast of the said island of Newfoundland facing and forming the said straits of *Belisle*, with the right of forming settlements on the said island of *Belisle* or on any other spot which may suit them on the main land or the said island of Newfoundland, and even of fortifying themselves therein, in order to protect these settlements if necessary.

Wherefore, and considering that nothing is more advantageous to the welfare and improvement of this colony than to encourage the formation therein of companies of traders in order that they may open new branches of trade which may lead to make new discoveries and to carry the faith into the midst of the remotest and hitherto unknown Indian Tribes ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede, with the full right of property, fief, seignory and jurisdiction, unto the said Sieurs Riverin, Chanion, Catignon and Bouthier the said Island of *Belisle*, together with six leagues of land in front along the said *Esquimaux* Coast, and a similar extent along the coast of the said Island of Newfoundland forming the said Straits of *Belisle* ; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns with the full right of property for ever, together with the right, exclusively to all others and during twenty consecutive years, of trading and exchanging with the Indians, from the *Blancs-Sablons*, situate on the said *Esquimaux* Coast, going as far as thirty leagues along the Coast of Labrador, towards Hudson's Straits, and also along the whole of the coast of the said Island of Newfoundland which forms the said Straits of *Belisle*, with the right of forming settlements on the said Island of *Belisle*, or on any other spot which they may think proper either on the main land or on the said island of Newfoundland, and moreover the right of fortifying themselves within the limits of the present concession, if it be necessary for the protection of their settlements ; also the right of hunting and fishing within the said limits ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judges who shall be established at the said places shall lie before the lieutenant general at Quebec ; subject also to the condition that they shall bring to the said city of Quebec the beaver skins and other furs which shall be the produce of their said trade in order to pay the duties due to the western domain, and pay them to the lessees in the customary manner ; subject moreover to the condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved all the

oak timber which shall be found fit for the building of vessels, and that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to the governors, of all the mines, ores and minerals which shall be found on the said lands, and that they shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which they shall be allowed to make within the limits of the lands hereby conceded, and that they shall have these presents confirmed by the King within two years.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the nineteenth day of January, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed, J. R. DE BRISAY,
M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordships' command,

Signed, FREDIN.

N^o 77.

THE SIEUR DENIS RIVERIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c. ;

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

Having notified Charlotte Lacombe, widow of Antoine Caddé, residing in Quebec, that we were desirous, in conformity with the King's intentions, that she should improve and settle the River de la Magdeleine, lying and being below the Monts de Notre-Dame on the south shore, which said river discharges itself in the River St. Lawrence, together with one half league above and one half league below the said River de la Magdeleine on the said River St. Lawrence, with two leagues in depth, the whole of which was granted and conceded unto the said late Caddé by Messieurs the Count de Frontenac and Duchesneau, Governor and Intendant of the said Country, according to the title-deeds of concession dated the thirtieth and thirty-first days of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, and no settlement having been commenced on the said river nor on the said conceded tract of land, wherefore we declared unto her that agreeably to the order and authority which we have received from His Majesty, we were about to reunite the said river and the said lands conceded to the said Caddé to His Majesty's domain, so that the same might be granted to some other person who would be willing to open thereon a settlement for the good and improvement of the Colony, whereupon the said widow having declared unto us her inability to make use of the said concession or to open any settlement thereon, she has this day by act renounced the possession of the same ; wherefore we have reunited and do reunite the same to His Majesty's domain, so that the said widow Caddé, or the heirs of her husband may never claim any right thereto, as if the same had never been conceded, and the Sieur Denis

Riverin, Merchant of Quebec, having come forward, and having already commenced to establish permanent fisheries in the River St. Lawrence, and petitioned us to grant unto him the said River de la Magdeleine, with the same quantity of land as had been conceded unto the said Caddé, in order that he may establish in the said place, fisheries and settlements for hunting, and others as may be in his power, for the good and improvement of the Colony ;

We, in conformity with the power entrusted to us by the King, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Riverin the said River de la Magdeleine lying and being below the Monts Notre-Dame, on the south shore, together with one half league above and one half league below the said river along the River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns with the full right of property for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land ; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; that he shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship building which may be found thereon ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the Country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein ; and shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within three years.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By command of their Lordships,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 78.

THE SIEUR MATHIEU MARTIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c. ; and
JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Mathieu Martin, belonging to one of the most ancient families of Acadia and being the first born therein, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a certain tract of land which he has called St. Mathieu, *alias* Oüecobeguy, which said land is situated in Acadia and is very favorable for a settlement and of an extent sufficient to contain several settlers ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted unto us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede, for ever, unto the said Sieur Mathieu de St. Martin, the said tract of land called Oüecobeguy and which he has designated by the name of St. Mathieu, containing all that portion of land which is situated at the extremity of the Basin of Mines, with two leagues in depth towards the interior on each side of the same ; commencing opposite the mouth of the River Chicabénacady, on the south-south-east side thereof, and running west-north-west, with the right of trading with the Indians, and of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land ; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief, seigniory and jurisdiction, subject to the condition that he shall inhabit and cultivate the said tract of land and cause the same to be inhabited by tenants, that he shall perform fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis, at Quebec, and that he shall pay the customary dues at each and every mutation of proprietor, the whole agreeably to the Custom of Paris ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found on the said tract of land ; and moreover, that he shall give notice to His Majesty, or to the Governor of the Country, of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found ; that he shall cause to be inserted similar conditions in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land, and shall commence within three years from this day to work and inhabit the said land, and obtain from His Majesty within the said time a confirmation hereof, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec this twenty-eighth day of March one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART DE CHAMPIGNY.

By command of their Lordships,

FREDIN.

N^o 79.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, Knight, Marquis of Denonville, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other Countries of North France ; and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny and Noroy, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the representation made to us by the Sieur de Villeroiy, first Councillor in the Supreme Council of this Country, and the Sieur de la Chenaye Aubert, Merchant and Burgess, that in order to form profitable settlements on the lands heretofore conceded unto them, it would be necessary that there should be conceded unto them a larger extent of land than that granted heretofore, to wit : to the said de Villeroiy, for the Sieur d'Artigny, his son, from the Green River (*Rivière Verte*) on which he is settled, as far as two leagues and a half below the said river, descending along the River St. Lawrence ; and although the said lands be of a large extent, nevertheless, on account of the great quantity of lands not habitable, there is but a very small space from which any utility can be derived, and moreover considering that there is a certain portion of land between their said concessions which is not yet granted, which they pray we may be pleased to grant unto them, by equal portions, adjoining their concessions ;

We, in consideration of the said petition, and under and in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said de Villeroiy for the said d'Artigny, and to the said de la Chenaye, the space of land which may be found between their said concessions, with two leagues in depth, of which said space of land they shall enjoy each one half, to wit : the said d'Artigny the half joining the little Green River, and the islets and shoals which are opposite the same ; and the said de la Chenaye, the other half joining his said concession, and also the islets and shoals which may be opposite his said half, which said portions shall be and remain joint, united and annexed to their said concessions ; to have and to hold the same unto each of them, subject to the conditions to them granted by the titles of their said concessions, and to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the fifth April one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY, and

RÉNÉ DE BRISAY,

De Denonville.

N^o 80.

TO THE SIEURS AUBERT DE LACHENAYE, FRANÇOIS PACHOT, FRANÇOIS POISSET, MATHIEU
DE LINO, PIERRE LALLEMANT, CHARLES PATTU AND JEAN GOBIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on what has been represented to us by the Sieurs Charles Aubert de la Chenaye, François Pachot, François Poisset, Mathieu de Lino, Pierre Lallemand, Charles Pattu and Jean Gobin, all merchants and traders in this country, praying that it might be our pleasure to grant them the permission of establishing fisheries of cod-fish, whales, seal, porpoise and other fisheries which can be carried on in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence from the lower part of the Blanc-Sablon (on the north shore), lying in the 51st degree of latitude, going as far as the tract of land granted to the Sieurs Riverin and Company, at the 52nd degree, and from the 49th degree in the said Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the Island of Newfoundland, going as far as the concession of the said Sieurs Riverin and Company on the said island, and to that effect to grant them in full property, in order that they may make their settlements, three leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the spot which they shall find the most advantageous within the limits of the spaces hereinabove designated, in which they have the design of fishing, together with the islands and islets which may be found on the north shore opposite the said three leagues of land and those opposite the other three leagues on the said island of Newfoundland; to have and to hold the same in fief and seigniority together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said spaces of three leagues each;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have, unto the said Sieurs Charles de la Chenaye, François Pachot, François Poisset, Mathieu de Lino, Pierre Lallemand, Charles Pattu and Jean Gobin, granted and do grant leave to fish for cod-fish, whales, seal, porpoise and other fishes which can be caught in the said Gulf and River St. Lawrence between the limits and degrees hereinabove designated, and of making all such settlements as shall be necessary to them, to which effect we have granted unto them in full property, in fief and seigniority, to be enjoyed by them for ever, in equal portions, three leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth on the north main land, and a similar quantity in the Island of Newfoundland, together with the right of hunting, trading and fishing within the limits of the tracts of land conceded unto them, without their having the right of preventing the French subjects of the King from fishing and trading even within the limits of their settlements, except only within one fourth of a league in circumference round the buildings erected, for fishing and trading only, exclusively of all others; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said places shall lie before the lieutenant general

at Quebec ; moreover subject to the condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants all the oak timber fit for the building of vessels which may be found within the limits of the said concession, that they shall give notice to His Majesty or to the governor of this country of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that they shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which they will be permitted to grant within the said tracts of land, and that they shall commence within three years from this date, to work and inhabit the said tracts of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the fourteenth day of November, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordship's command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 81.

DAMOISELLE MARIE JOSEPH LENŒUF.

JACQUES RÉNÉ DE BRISAY, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

We do hereby make known that on what has been represented unto us by Damoiselle Marie Joseph Le Nœuf that there is a river called *Chicabenacady* or St. Joseph, situate in the *Bay of Mines*, together with the extent of land lying and being along the same, going as far as the River Dogobemit, which is yet ungranted, on which she would be desirous of forming settlements, if it please us to grant the same unto her ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Damoiselle Marie Joseph Le Nœuf the said river called *Chicabenacady* or St. Joseph, situate in the Bay of Mines, together with the extent of land lying and being along the said river, going as far as the river Dogobemit, so that she may form settlements thereon and trade with the Indians ; to have and to hold the same, for ever, unto her, her heirs and assigns, under the title of fief, seigniorship and jurisdiction, together with the right of hunting and trading within the limits of the present concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and

that the appeals from the decisions of the judges who may be established at the said place shall be before the Lieutenant General of Acadia; further on condition that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants all the oak timber which may be found within the extent of the said concession fit for the building of vessels, and that she shall give notice to His Majesty or to the Governor of the country, of all mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein; that she shall cause a similar condition to be inserted in the concessions which she will be allowed to grant on the said land, and shall commence within three years from this day to work and inhabit the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same; the present concession is thus made without any prejudice whatsoever to the concession granted by us unto the *Sieur Mathieu Martin*, dated the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand six hundred and eighty five, and in case the said concession should encroach on the same or should cause any prejudice thereto, it shall be taken above and below the concession granted to the said *Sieur Martin*, without any detriment to the rights of others.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, this twenty-third day of April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed, J. RENÉ DE BRISAY,
M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordship's command,

Signed, FREDIN.

N^o 82.

MICHEL DE GREZ.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Michel De Grez, an inhabitant of Poemouche, near Miscou, praying that we would be pleased to grant unto him a tract of land on the River Poemouche in the Bay *des Chaleurs*, coast of Miscou, containing one league in front by one league in depth, situate twenty-five leagues from *Percée* Island; to commence running from the mouth of the said river and ascending the same, together with the privilege of trading with the Indians, and the right of hunting and fishing on the said tract of land;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted unto us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Michel De Grez, the said tract of land of one league in depth on the said River Poemouche in the Bay des Chaleurs, coast of Miscou, situate twenty-five leagues from *Percée* Island; to commence running from the mouth of the said river and ascending the same, together with the privilege of trading with the Indians, and the rights of hunting and fishing on the said tract of

land, hereby conceded : To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said De Gréz and his heirs and assigns (*ayant-cause*) in full right of property for ever ; charged with and subject to the payment of a seigniorial rent of five *sols*, and six *deniers* of *cens* carrying mutation fines, *lods et ventes*, *saisines* and *amendes* as the case may be, agreeably to the Custom of Paris ; the said *rentes* and *cens* payable each and every year at the usual place, to the Receiver of the King's Domain in this country, on the festival day of St. Remy, and to the performance of fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Lewis at Quebec ; and further the said Sieur De Gréz shall be held to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, to settle thereon within three years next ensuing the date hereof, otherwise these presents shall be null and void ; to preserve and cause to be preserved by the tenants, all oak and other timber fit for the building of vessels ; and to give notice to the King, or to the Governor of the aforesaid places, of all mines, ores and minerals which may be discovered on the said tract of land.

The present grant is made unto him without prejudice to the right of others, subject to the approval of His Majesty, of whom he shall be bound to obtain a ratification of these presents within one year from the date hereof.

Done at Montreal (*Ville Marie*) this third day of August one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine, and we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Signed,

J. R. DE BRISAY,

M. De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordships' command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N° 83.

JACQUES RÉNÉ DE BRISAY, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that the Fathers of the Society of Jesus in New France, having represented to us that, on the ninth day of June one thousand six hundred and eighty-six, they had acquired an extent of land containing fifteen arpents in front on the River St. Lawrence, by forty arpents in depth, in the seigniory called *la Côte de Lauzon*, to establish thereon a Mission for the Abenakis Indians, who in order to be instructed in the Christian Religion, have left New England, and have in great number come to reside thereon ; that Indians of the said nation are daily arriving for the same purpose, and that they now perceive that the said land is not so good as it had seemed to them at first ; moreover that it

would be impossible for the said Indians to subsist long in the said place if they had not a greater extent of land;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in order to afford to the aforesaid Fathers of the Society of Jesus the means of exercising their zeal and attracting those people to the Christian Religion, and for the advantages which this colony may derive from the settlement of the aforesaid nation of the Abenakis amongst us, as well for the trade in furs which they bring to the French Merchants as for the help which we may receive from them against the Indian Nations who are our enemies as we have experienced it in different circumstances, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Fathers of the Society of Jesus, one fourth of a league in front, that is to say: twenty-one arpents, the said one fourth of a league to commence at the line which bounds the depth of the concession of the said Jesuit Fathers, and also the depth of the neighbouring concessions, so that the said one fourth of a league shall have the same rhumb-line (*rumb de vent*) and depth as the whole of the seignior, and the twenty-one arpents shall be contiguous, leaving the whole of the River *Chaudière* on the north-east: To have and to hold and dispose of the same on the same conditions as the aforesaid fifteen arpents; and although we might have granted of our own authority the aforesaid fourth of a league, there having never been any work done on the said concession, nevertheless, in order to satisfy and indemnify in some manner the Seigneur in possession of the said *Côte de Lauzon* for the curtailment of the aforesaid seignior of *Côte de Lauzon*, we have granted and conceded, and do hereby grant and concede to him one fourth of a league in front of ungranted land along the River St. Lawrence, by the same depth as the said seignior of the *Côte de Lauzon*, as now possessed by him, and also hereby re-unite the said one fourth of a league of land to the said seignior; the said tract of one fourth of a league, joining on one side the said seignior of the *Côte de Lauzon*, and on the other side, towards the north-east, approaching the land called *Montapeine*: the whole subject to the same dues and privileges as those subject to which he now holds the said seignior of the *Côte de Lauzon*.

Done at Montreal (*Ville-Marie*), the fourteenth day of October one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. RÊNÉ DE BRISAY

De Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By their Lordships' command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 84.

THE SIEUR DE ST. CASTIN.

JACQUES RENÉ DE BRISAY, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Vincent de St. Castin, praying that we would be pleased to grant unto him, under the title of fief and seigniorship with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), two leagues of unconceded lands in front on the River St. John, adjoining the lands of Jamesec, and by a similar depth, at his choice;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de St. Castin the said two leagues of land in front to be taken in the unconceded lands on the River St. John, adjoining the lands of Jamesec, by a similar depth of two leagues, at his choice; to have and to hold the said tract of land himself, his heirs and assigns henceforth, under the title of fief and seigniorship and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the judge shall lie before the ordinary court in Acadia; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved all the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, which shall be found on the said extent of land; moreover that he shall give immediate notice to the King and to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; that he shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed—and the present concession is thus made on condition that he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared, inhabited and furnished with cattle and buildings within—from the date hereof, and the date of the conformation of these presents, otherwise the concession shall be null and of no effect.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Montreal, this fourteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine.

Signed,

J. RENÉ DE BRISAY,
M. de Denonville.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By Their Lordships' command,

Signed,

FREDIN.

N^o 8.

THE SIEUR FRANÇOIS GENAPLE DE BELFONDS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King over the whole of North France,

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by François Genaple Sieur de Belfonds, Royal Notary at Quebec, and Clerk of the High Overseer of highways, praying that we might be pleased to grant him in fief, seigniorly and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), a certain tract of land lying and being on the River St. John in Acadia, between Medoktek and Nacchouak, joining the land of Gemesek, to wit, the place called *Longues-Vues*, to commence running from the river known under the Indian name of *Sk8tcopskek*, going as far as the place and river called *Nerkoisiquek*, by two leagues in depth towards the interior of the land, on each side of the river St. John, together with the islands and islets which shall be found within the limits of the said tract of land;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in order to afford to the said Belfonds the means of settling his children, seven in number, and in consideration of the services which he and his said children have rendered in this country in the war against the Iroquois, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Belfonds the tract of land lying and being on the river St. John in Acadia, between Medoktek and Nacchouak, joining the land of Gemesek, to wit, the tract of land called *Longues-Vues*, to commence running from the river known under the Indian name of *Sk8tcopskek*, going as far as the place called *Nerkoisiquek*, by two leagues in depth towards the interior of the said lands, on both sides of the said river St. John; together with the islands and islets which shall be found within the limits of the said tract of land; to have and to hold the same, unto him, his heirs and assigns, henceforth for ever, as their own and indefeasible property, in fief, seigniorly and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said tract of land; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Belfonds, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that the said Sieur de Belfonds shall preserve and cause to be preserved by them the oak timber fit for ship building which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land, and that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand six hundred and ninety.

Signed

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 86.

THE SIEUR GOBIN.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition of the Sieur Gobin, merchant residing at Quebec, praying that it might please us to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) a certain extent of land of twelve leagues in front by ten leagues in depth, on the *Baie des Chaleurs* in Acadia, including the River Nipisiguit and others which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land: the said twelve leagues of land to commence running from the boundary of the concession made to the Sieur de Fronsac, settled by the Ordinance of the Intendant, bearing date the eighteenth day of April last, going towards the north-west, together with all the points of land, islands, islets and shoals which may be found situate opposite the said tract of land;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Gobin the said extent of land of twelve leagues in front by ten leagues in depth on the *Baie des Chaleurs* in Acadia, together with the rivers which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land, the said twelve leagues of land to commence running from the boundary of the concession made to the Sieur de Fronsac, settled by the Intendant's Ordinance bearing date the eighteenth day of April last, going towards the north-east, together with the points of land, islands, islets and shoals which may be found situate opposite the said tract of land: To have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Gobin, his heirs and assigns for ever under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said tract of land; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Gobin shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the

concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession thereof; that the said Sieur Gobin shall preserve and cause to be preserved by them the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this twenty-sixth day of May one thousand six hundred and ninety.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 87.

TO THE SIEUR LE MOYNE D'IBERVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c. and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville, praying that it might be our pleasure to grant him in fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) an extent of land of twelve leagues in front by ten leagues in depth on the *Baie des Chaleurs*, in Acadia, including all the rivers which may be found within the limits of the said extent of land, the said twelve leagues of land to be taken from the boundary of the concession granted this day to the Sieur Gobin, running partly towards the north-west and partly towards the east-south-east, including the River Ristigouche, together with the points of land, islands, islets and shoals which may be found opposite the same;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Le Moyne the said extent of land of twelve leagues in front by ten leagues in depth on the *Baie des Chaleurs* in Acadia, including all the rivers which may be found within the limits of the said extent of land, the said ten leagues to be taken from the boundary of the concession granted this day to the Sieur Gobin, running partly towards the north-west and partly towards the east-south-east, including the River Ristigouche, together with the points of land, islands, islets and shoals which may be found opposite the said tract of land: to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Le Moyne, his heirs and assigns, as his own and indefeasible property for ever, in fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse jus-*

with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole of the said tract of land, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the concessions which he shall grant them, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the same; that the said Sieur Le Moyne shall preserve and cause to be preserved by them all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; and also that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-sixth May, one thousand six hundred and ninety.

Signed

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 88.

TO THE SIEUR HAZEUR.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who, &c., greeting, &c.

Know ye that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur François Hazeur, burgess and merchant in this country, praying that we might be pleased to grant him in fief, seigniorship and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), a certain tract of land at the place called the *Grande-Vallée des Monts Notre-Dame*, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, and at a distance of two leagues from the River de la *Magdeleine*, and four leagues from the *Etang*, descending towards Gaspé, which said extent of land shall contain two leagues in front, with the river which is situate in the said Vallée des Monts, the said two leagues in front to be taken one league above and one league below the said river, by three leagues in depth towards the interior of the land, in order that he may erect thereon a fishery for cod-fish and make other settlements for the improvement of this country;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur

François Hazeur the said extent of two leagues of land in front at the place called the Grande-Vallée des Monts Notre-Dame, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, situate at the distance of two leagues from the Biver de la Magdelaine, and four leagues from the Etang, descending towards Gaspé, together with the river which is situate in the said Vallée des-Monts, which shall form the centre of the said two leagues in front, by three leagues in depth towards the interior of the land, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said two leagues of land and in the said river within the said depth of three leagues; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieur Hazeur, his heirs and assigns, henceforth for ever, with the full right of property, in fief, seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of this present concession; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said land, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and also that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-one

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

Nº 89.

DAME WIDOW DE MARSON.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART DE CHAMPIGNY, &c.

To all who, &c., greeting, &c.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Dame Françoise Chartier, widow of the Sieur de Marson, heretofore Commandant in Acadia, praying that we might be pleased to grant her in fief and seignior a certain tract of land on the river St. John in Acadia, containing four leagues in front on the said river, by two leagues in depth on the other side and opposite to the concession granted to the Sieur Deschaufour, called Jemesec, the centre of which said four leagues in front shall be opposite the house of Jemesec;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded to the said Dame de Marson an extent of land on the river St. John in Acadia, containing four leagues in front on the said river, by two leagues in depth on the other side and opposite the concession granted to the Sieur Dechaufour, called Jemesec, the centre of which said four leagues of land in front shall be situate opposite the manor house of Jemesec; to have and to hold the same unto herself, her heirs and assigns for ever, in fief, seignior and the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said concession; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, subject to the customary rights and dues, the whole agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; also on condition that she shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by her tenants on the concessions which she may grant them, and in default of so doing she shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her said tenants the oak timber, fit for the building of vessels, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that she shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein; and that she shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom the said Dame de Marson shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-one.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 90.

TO JEAN MEUSNIER.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Jean Meusnier, an inhabitant of Acadia, stating that his property situate in the said country has been plundered and burnt by the English who have made a descent on the said place, and that he is desirous of settling himself in a safer place than the River Maricadéouï, where the English could not land with their ships,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in order to afford to the said Meusnier the means of settling himself again in the said country

and of subsisting therein, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Meusnier two leagues in front by two leagues in depth on the small river which the Indians call Maricadéoti, to wit: one league in front on each side of the said river opposite to each other, the said two leagues of land in front and two leagues in depth to be taken in the unconceded lands at a distance of about five leagues below Pesmoueady, running towards the north-east; to have and to hold the same unto the said Meusnier, his heirs and assigns in full right of property for ever, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole of the said extent of land, on condition that he shall pay annually on the customary day to the King's domain in this Country six *deniers* of *cens* bearing *lods et ventes*, *saisine* and *amende* when the same become due, agreeably to the Custom of Paris; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said tract of land, in default whereof His Majesty shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same, that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which shall be found fit for the building of vessels, and also the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, notice whereof he shall give to His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec this sixteenth day of July one thousand six hundred and ninety-one.

Signed, FRONTENAC,
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 91.

TO THE SIEUR JACQUES DUBOIS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.; and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

Being informed that the lands which had been conceded by us the Count de Frontenac and Mr. Du Chesneau then intendant in this Country, unto the Sieur Boyvinet, Lieutenant-General of the provostship of Three-Rivers, under and in virtue of the the title-deed of the said concession bearing date the first day of February one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, have been abandoned since the decease of the said Sieur Boyvinet which took place in the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-six, and as it is the King's intention that the lands which have been conceded should be cleared and brought under cultivation, we have reunited to His Majesty's domain the lands mentioned in the title-deed of the said concession; and the Sieur Jacques Dubois, a merchant residing in the said town of Three-Rivers, having come forward and petitioned us to grant him the said lands, tendering to cause the same to be cleared and improved;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Jacques

Dubois the lands conceded to the said late Sieur Boyvinet under and in virtue of the said title-deed dated the first day of February one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, containing three fourths of a league or thereabouts in front, lying at the rear of the concessions which are situate on the border of the River St. Lawrence above Three Rivers, belonging to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers and to the Sieur de St. Paul, joining on the south-west side the fief Vieux-Pont and on the north-east side the river of Three Rivers aforesaid; together with the depth which may be found going as far as the fiefs de Tonnancourt and St. Maurice; to have and to hold the same unto the said Dubois, his heirs and assigns henceforth under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, the whole agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Lieutenant-General at Three Rivers; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof His Majesty shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said land, and that the said Dubois shall preserve or cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec the twenty-seventh July one thousand six hundred and ninety-one.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 92.

MATHIEU DE GOUTIN.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Mathieu de Goutin, King's writer and lieutenant general of Acadia, purporting that we might be pleased to grant

him in fief and seigniority two leagues of land in front at the place which the Indians call *Mouscoudabouet*, in Acadia, one league above the river bearing the same name, and one league below, by two leagues in depth ascending along the said river, together with the islands, islets and beach which may be found opposite the said two leagues of land in front, and also those which may be found in the said river within the said depth ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur de Goutin* the said two leagues of land in front at the place which the Indians call *Mouscoudabouet*, in Acadia, to wit, one league above the river bearing the same name, and one league below, by two leagues in depth ascending along the said river, together with the islands, islets and beach which may be found opposite the said two leagues of land in front, and also those which are in the said river within the said depth ; to have and to hold the same unto himself, his heirs and assigns, as their own and indefeasible property for ever, under the title of fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), together with the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians within the said extent ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ; under the condition that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said tract of land, and that he shall cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default of which he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same, and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his said tenants all the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, within the limits of the said tract of land, that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, and shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom the said *Sieur de Goutin* shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Given at Quebec, the fourth day of August, one thousand six hundred and ninety-one.

Signed, FRONTENAC,
 BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 93.

Title of the Fief of La Martinière.

THE SIEUR DE LA MARTINIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Claude Bermant, *Sieur de la Martinière*, stating that there is a certain tract of land between the property of Lauzon and the seigniority of

Monte-à-peine, or the property belonging to the Sieur de Vitré, which is not yet conceded, and which he petitions us to grant him, to enjoy and hold the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*);

We, under and in virtue of the power granted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de la Martinière, councillor in the supreme council of this country, all the space of land which may be found not yet conceded between the said seignior of Lauzon and that of Monte-à-peine, or the fief of the Sieur de Vitré, by a depth similar to that of the said seignior of Lauzon, if no person is in possession of the said land; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de la Martinière, his heirs and assigns, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general at Quebec; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he shall grant them, and in default of so doing, His Majesty shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said tract of land, and that the said Sieur de la Martinière shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber, fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of all mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In faith and testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the fifth day of August, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By command of Their Lordships,

FREDIN, and

DE MONSEIGNAT.

With a flourish.

Titles of the Fief of Vincelotte.

JOSEPH AMIOT, SIEUR DE VINCELOTTE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France ;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Joseph Amiot, Sieur de Vincelotte, praying that it might be our pleasure to grant him a concession of one league of land in front by two leagues in depth, in rear and at the end of his fief of Vincelotte, at Cape St. Ignace, which also has only one league in front by one league in depth, and as there is at the end of the said league in depth a certain quantity of good land on which he would be desirous, if it were our pleasure to grant him the same under the title of fief and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting, fishing and trading within the limits of the said tract of land, to place inhabitants to clear and cultivate the same, and thus contribute by every means in his power to the improvement of this Colony, and strongly work to settle himself permanently therein ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have, in favor of the said Sieur de Vincelotte, augmented his said fief two leagues in depth following the general lines of the concessions of this country, by one league in breadth, being the same breadth as it now has ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns as their own and indefeasible property, for ever, under the title of fief and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of fishing, hunting and trading over the whole of the extent of the said two leagues and also within the limits of his first concession above described ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of this city, and also subject to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within two years, to preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber which may be found fit for ship building, and to give notice to His Majesty and to the governor of this country, of all the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein, and to cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant, and that the inhabitants shall be held to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on their concessions, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same, and shall also be held to leave all necessary roadways.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the first day of February, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC, and

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

MONSEIGNAT,

And, By His Lordship's command,

PEUVRET.

N^o 94—2^o

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Joseph Amiot, Sieur de Vincelotte, praying that it might be our pleasure to grant him a concession of one league of land in front by two leagues in depth in rear and at the end of his fief of Vincelotte at the Cape St. Ignace, which said fief also has only one league in depth, and as there is at the end of the said league in depth a certain quantity of good land, on which he would be desirous, if it were our pleasure to grant him the same under the title of fief, and the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with the right of hunting, fishing and trading within the limits of the said tract of land, to place settlers to clear and cultivate the same, and thereby contribute by every means in his power to the improvements of this colony, and strongly work to settle himself permanently therein ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have, in favor of the said Sieur de Vincelotte, augmented his said fief two leagues in depth following the general lines of the concessions of this country, by one league in breadth, being the same breadth as it now has: to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of fishing, hunting and trading within the whole extent of the said two leagues and also within the limits of his first concession above described, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle St. Lewis in this city of Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of this City, and also subject to have these presents confirmed by His

Majesty within two years; to preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber which may be found fit for the building of vessels, and to give notice to His said Majesty and the Governor of the country of all the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein, and to cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant and that the inhabitants shall be held to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, and in default of so doing he shall regain his full right of possession of the same; and also that they shall be obliged to leave all necessary roadways.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the first February one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 95.

TO THE SIEUR LOUIS ROUER.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known, that on the petition presented to us by Augustin Rouer, Esquire, Sieur de la Cardonnière, purporting that we may be pleased to grant him for and in the name of Louis Rouer, his son, the concession of a lake called Mitis, discharging itself into a river bearing the same name, together with one league of land in depth forming a circuit around the said lake, situate at a distance of about twelve or fifteen leagues from the River St. Lawrence, and with the islands and islets which may be found within the same, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians, and the right of passing through the said River Mitis or other rivers which may be found the most convenient to go to and from and carry his provisions and other things necessary for the settlement which he is desirous of making on the said concession;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Louis Rouer, his successors and assigns, in full right of property forever, the said lake called Mitis together with one league of land in depth forming a circuit around the said lake, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading within the limits of the said tract of land, and of passing through the said River Mitis, or other rivers or roads most convenient to go to and from and to carry all that he may think proper to the said lake; subject

to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) to be performed at the Castle of St. Lewis in this City, of which the said concession shall be held, under the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which is followed in this country; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of this City; that he shall cause these presents to be confirmed within two years; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of all mines, ores and minerals, which may be found therein; that he shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the title deeds of the concessions which he may grant, and that the inhabitants shall be held to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and to leave all necessary roadways and passages, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this tenth day of February, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 96.

Title of the Fief of Dauteuil on the River Jacques Cartier.

MR. DAUTEUIL.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfouland and other Countries of North France;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, one of the King's Councillors, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by François Magdelaine Ruette, Esquire, Sieur Dauteuil and de Monceaux, His Majesty's Attorney General in the supreme council of this country, stating that between the fief and seigniorship which he has at the place called the River Jacques Cartier, containing one half league of land in front, descending towards the north east from the end of the said river, by five leagues in depth, there is in the rear a remaining piece of land not yet granted between his said fief and that belonging to the Sieur Dupont, Councillor in the said council, having its front on the line which forms the depth of the property of the Sieur Toupin Dussault, bounded on the north east by the line of the property of the Sieur Dupont, on the south west by that of the said fief of the said Sieur Dauteuil, and on the north west by the line which he shall cause to be drawn at the end of four leagues and a half, and praying that we might be pleased to grant him the said quantity of land, with the rivers and rivulets and all that may be found included

therein, in fief, seigniorly and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the whole of the same ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Ruette Dauteuil, with the full right of property, for ever, the said tract of land hereinabove described, together with the rivers and rivulets and all that may be found included therein, to commence running from the end of the depth of the concession of the said Sieur Toupin Dussault, on a similar width, by four leagues and a half in depth, joining on one side towards the south west the concession of the said Sieur Dauteuil, and on the other side towards the north east that of the said Sieur Dupont ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns in full property for ever, under the title of fief and seigniorly, with the right of hunting and fishing over the whole of the said extent, and of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction ; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Dauteuil, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general in the provostship of this city ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber, which may be found within the limits of the said concession, fit for ship building ; and that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us of the mines, ore and minerals, if any be found therein, and shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which he is allowed to grant within the limits of the said tract of land, and that he shall, within three years from this day, cause works to be commenced in order to settle the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of February, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

DEMONSEIGNAT.

And, By His Lordship's command,

PEUVRET.

No 97.

TO THE SIEUR ALEXANDRE PEUVRET DE GAUDARVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Alexandre Peuvret, Esquire, Sieur de Gaudarville, purporting that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of three leagues of land in depth, in rear of the fief of Gaudarville, together with all the lands adjoining and which are in rear of the fiefs of the Sieurs Demaure and Guillaume Bonhomme, and the same to run as far as the depth of the same line going from the north-east to the south-west which shall terminate the said three leagues of land, so that the whole extent included in the present concession shall be bounded at one end in front towards the south-east by the line terminating the depth of the said fiefs of Gaudarville, Bonhomme and Demaure, and in rear towards the north-west by a line running north-east and south-west which shall terminate the said three leagues of land in rear of the said fief of Gaudarville and which shall be extended as far as the fief of Neuville, and on one side to the north-east, partly by the lands of the fief Sillery, partly by the lands of Gaudarville and those of the said Bonhomme, and on the other side towards the south-west by the lands of the said fief of Neuville; praying us to grant him the said extent of land, part whereof is not habitable, together with the lakes, little rivers, islands and islets which may be found therein, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting, fishing with all sorts of tackle, and of trading throughout the said tract of land, and moreover the right of fishing with all sorts of tackle on the beach as far as low water mark opposite the fief of Gaudarville, which said concession he is desirous should bear the name of Faussambault;

We, under and in virtue of the power conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Gaudarville three leagues of land in depth in rear of the said fief of Gaudarville, together with all the adjoining lands situate in rear of the fiefs of the Sieurs Demaure and Guillaume Bonhomme, the same to run as far as the depth of the same line going from the north-east to the south-west which shall terminate the said three leagues, so that all that is included in the present concession shall be bounded at one end in front towards the south-east by the lines terminating the depth of the said fiefs of Gaudarville, Bonhomme and Demaure, and in rear towards the north-west by a line also running north-east and south-west which shall terminate the depth of the said three leagues in rear of the said fief of Gaudarville, and shall be extended in a direct line as far as the said fief of Neuville; on one side towards the north-east partly by the lands of the said fief of Sillery, and partly by the lands of Gaudarville and by those of the said Bonhomme, and on the other side towards the south-west by the lands of the said fief of Neuville; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Gaudarville, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory with the right of trading, hunting and fishing, even opposite the said fief of Gaudarville with all sorts of tackle as far as low water mark; and the privilege of superior, mean

and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) within the tract of land hereinabove designated; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in this City, and to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said concession, which shall bear the name of Fossambault, shall lie before the Lieutenant-General in the provostship of this City; that he shall cause these presents to be confirmed by His Majesty within two years; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of said concession, and that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor-General of the Country of all the mines, ores, and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which he shall grant to his tenants, who shall be held to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and that in default of so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that he shall be held to leave therein all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility, and that within six years from this date he shall commence to have work performed for the clearing of the said land, on pain of being dispossessed thereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec the twentieth day of February one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed, FRONTENAC,
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

No 98.

TO THE SIEUR RENÉ LEPAGE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by René Lepage, an inhabitant of the island of St. Lawrence, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of one league of land in front, to be taken from a line to be drawn north-east and south-west to terminate the depth of the grant made to the Sieur Couillard de l'Espinay, lying and being at the River *du Sud*, by two leagues in depth, joining on one side to the north-east the prolongation of the line separating the property of the said Sieur de l'Espinay from that of the Sieur Amyot de Vincelotte, on the other side to the south-west the ungranted lands, at one end towards the north-west the said line terminating the depth of the grant made to the said Sieur de l'Espinay, and at the other end towards the south-east another parallel line terminating the said two leagues in depth;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Le-page the said tract of one league of land in front by two leagues in depth, in the place and manner above designated: To have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, on condition that he shall pay five *sols* of *rente* and six *deniers* of *cens*, in each and every year on the feast of St. Martin, the eleventh day of November, to the Reciever of the King's domain, the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine* and *amendes* agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year; that he shall preserve all the oak timber fit for ship building; that he shall give notice to the King and to the Governor General of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; that he shall leave the roadways necessary for the public utility; that he shall within one year commence a settlement on the said concession, and diligently work to clear the same, and that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, on pain of forfeiture thereof.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the seventeenth of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 99.

TO RENÉ LOUIS CHARTIER DE LOTBINIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by René Louis Chartier, Esquire, seignior of Lotbinière, King's councillor, civil and criminal lieutenant general in the provostship of this city of Quebec, praying that we may be pleased to grant him a concession of three leagues and a half of land in front by four leagues, in rear and at the end of his fief of Lotbinière and of that called the *Petite-Rivière du Chesne*, which he has acquired from the Sieur Louviers, containing in all three leagues and a half in front, together with the meadows, forests, islands, rivers and lakes to be found therein, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and those of hunting, fishing and trading within the limits of the said tract of land, and that should he depart this life without having disposed of the present concession, it shall be divided amongst his children by equal portions, which shall form as many fiefs as there shall be different portions, nevertheless there shall be only one judge for the whole of them, and that the appeals from the said judge shall lie before the said provostship;

We, under and in virtue of the power conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said

Sieur de Lotbinière the said concession of three leagues and a half in front by four leagues indepth, to be taken in rear and at the termination of the depth of the said fief de Lotbinière, and of that called the *Petite-Rivière du Chesne*, belonging to him in virtue of the said purchase, together with the forests, meadows, islands, rivers and lakes which may be found therein; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and those of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the whole extent of the present concession, which shall be divided between all his children by equal portions, forming as many distinct fiefs independant of each other, without there being any right of primogeniture between them, and there being only one indivisible jurisdiction, which they shall enjoy equally together, should the said Sieur de Lotbinière die without having disposed of the same, otherwise it would not have been granted; the whole under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in this city, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said places shall lie before the provostship of this city; that he shall have these presents confirmed within two year; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of vessels; that he shall give notice to the King and to the governor general of this country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; that he shall leave all the roadways necessary to the public, and that he and his successors or assigns shall cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by the inhabitants whom they may place thereon, on condition of paying *cens et rentes*, otherwise and in default thereof they shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the lands which they shall have granted them.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 100.

TO PAUL DAILLEBOUST, ESQUIRE, SIEUR DE PERSIGNY.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Paul Dailleboust, Esquire, Sieur de Persigny, praying that we might be pleased to grant him in fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et*

basse justice) the island of *Grand Menane*, containing about four or five leagues in circumference, lying and being in Acadia, at the entrance of the *Baie Française* (Bay of Fundy), together with the islands, islets and beaches around or near the same;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the services which the said *Sieur de Persigny* has rendered to His Majesty during the present war, as well in this colony as in that of Acadia, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto him the said island of *Grand Menane*, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found lying around and near the same: To have and to hold the same and all that is included therein, as well the woods and meadows as the rivers, rivulets and lakes, unto the said *Sieur de Persigny*, his heirs and assigns in fee for ever, as a fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in this City of Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the jurisdiction which the said *Sieur de Persigny*, his heirs and assigns may establish at the said place shall lie before the Royal Jurisdiction of Port Royal, on condition also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) within three years, by his tenants, on the concessions which he shall grant them, and in default of their so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the same; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber, fit for the building of vessels, which may be found within the said Island, and that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, and that he shall leave all necessary roadways and passages: the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this fourteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 101.

TO OLIVIER MOREL, SIEUR DE LA DURANTAYE, ESQUIRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all present and to come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Olivier Morel, Esquire, *Sieur de la Durantaye*, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of two

leagues of land in depth, to be taken in rear and at the termination of the depth of his fief de la Durantaye, by a width similar to that of his said fief, containing about three leagues in front, bounded on one side towards the south-west by the lands of Beaumont and towards the north-east by those of Berthier; and, moreover, another league of land in front by a similar depth on the upper part of the river Boyer, because of a certain pine-grove situated thereon, of which he is desirous of making use, together with the concession of the said river Boyer in the places where it runs through his said fief and the lands above prayed for;

We, in consideration of the good and faithful services which the said Sieur de la Durantaye has rendered to His Majesty during the wars in this Country, and under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said lands and the said River Boyer as above designated, to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors or assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading; on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Durantaye, his successors or assigns shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in this City, of which the said concessions shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; moreover, that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default of their so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved such oak timber as may be found fit for ship building; that he shall give notice to His said Majesty or to us of all mines, ores and minerals, if any be found, and shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the first day of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

Signed, BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 102.

TO PHILIPPE ESNAULT.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Philippe Esnault, an inhabitant of Nepisiguit, praying that we might be pleased to grant him, in fief, the River Poemouche, together with four leagues in front on each side of the same, at a distance of twenty-five or thirty leagues from Miramichy, including one league of land in front which had been conceded to one Delgrais, who has retired with the English of Boston, and mar-

ried an English woman, although he was married to an Indian woman, and his marriage had been solemnized in presence of the Church, and who owes him about two hundred *livres*, there having been no work performed on the land of the said Degrais, by a similar depth of four leagues, with the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted unto us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Esnault the said River Poemouche, and four leagues of land in front on each side of the same, by a similar depth, the present grant including the said one league of land heretofore conceded to the said Degrais, in consequence of the abandonment which he has made thereof, according to the above statement, provided the same be found true : The said extent of land to be enjoyed by the Esnault, his successors and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and with the rights of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, on condition of performing fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in this city, of which the said grant shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country ; on condition also that he shall preserve such oak timber as may be found fit for ship building ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein ; that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility ; that he shall commence within three years to settle and clear the said tract of land, and shall canse house and home (*feu et lieu*) to be kept on the concessions which he may grant to his tenants : the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the seventeenth day of August one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

N^o 103.

Title of a Fief on the south side of the River Chambly, joining the Seigniorship of Chambly.

MADAME DE ROUVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Jean Baptiste Hertel, Esquire, Sieur de Rouville, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of two leagues of land in front by one league and a half in depth, joining on one side the lands of the seigniorship of Chambly, descending the River Richelieu, and on the other side the ungranted lands, under the title of fief and seigniorship, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdic-

tion (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the rights of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the said extent of land ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, and taking into consideration the good and praiseworthy designs of the said Sieur de Rouville, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him, the said two leagues of land in front by one league and a half in depth, to be taken on the south side of the said River Richelieu, joining the said seigniory of Chambly, descending the said river : to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Rouville, his heirs and assigns, with the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said tract of land ; under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Rouville, his successors and assigns shall be bound to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in this city of Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Royal Jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville-Marie*) ; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land ; moreover that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the domain which he shall have set aside for himself, and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them ; and that, immediately after the termination of the preset war, he shall commence to settle and cause the said tract of land to be cleared, within which he shall be bound to permit the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the eighteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and ninety-four.

Nº 104.

Title of a Fief called de Belœil, on the north-west of the River Chambly.

MR. DE LONGUEUIL.

LOUIS DE BUADR, Count de Frontenac, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Joseph Hertel, Esquire, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of two leagues of

land in front by one league and a half in depth, on the north-west side of the River Richelieu, joining the seigniory of Chambly, descending the said river towards the ungranted lands, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the said extent of land, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever ;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur Joseph Hertel has rendered to the Country during the present wars, and approving the settlement which he is desirous of making, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said two leagues of land in front by one league and a half in depth, to be taken on the north-west side of the said River Richelieu, next to the said seigniory of Chambly, descending the said river, to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Hertel, his successors or assigns, in fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the whole of the extent of land hereinabove designated, for ever, under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Hertel, his successors and assigns shall be obliged to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the present concession shall be held, subject to the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this Country ; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the said grant ; also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved all the oak timber fit for ship building ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to the Governor-General of the Country of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, and that he shall commence to cause the said lands to be opened and cleared as soon as the war shall be finished, and that it shall please God to cause us to enjoy the tranquility of a good and quiet peace.

In faith whereof we have signed this present concession, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this eighteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and ninety-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 105.

TO CHS. NICOLAS JOSH. DAMOURS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Charles Damours, Esquire, Sieur de Louviers, praying that we might be pleased to grant unto Charles Nicolas Joseph Damours, his son, the concession of a certain lake called Madapeguia, at a distance of about two leagues from Matane, together with one league of land in depth all round the said lake, and the islands and islets which may be found within the same, in fief and seigniorship with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Charles Nicolas Joseph Damours, the son, the said lake called Madapeguia, with one league of land in depth all round the said lake : To have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniorship, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout whole of the said extent, under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Charles Nicolas Joseph Damours, the son, his said heirs and assigns shall be bound to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; further on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed within one year ; and preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants, such oak timber as may be found fit for ship building ; and that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein ; that he shall cause similar conditions to be inserted in the title deeds of the lands which he may grant, and also that the settlers shall be obliged to keep house and home thereon, and in default of so doing he shall re-enter, *pleno jure*, into the possession of the same ; and that he shall leave and cause to be left thereon all necessary roadways and passages : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty.

In testimony whereof we have signed the present concession, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this twenty-sixth day of May one thousand six hundred and ninety-four.

N^o 106.

TO LOUIS DEGANNES, SIEUR DE FALAIZE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Louis DeGannes, Esquire, Sieur de Falaize, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we would grant him two leagues of land in depth, in rear of the land and seigniory of Contrecoeur, by the entire width of the said seigniory, consisting of two leagues, which said grant shall go partly beyond the River Chambly and shall run in the same direction as the said land of Contrecoeur, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said River Chambly, within the said width, so that the said Sieur de Falaize may open a settlement and put settlers thereon, and for that purpose enjoy the same under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; having regard to which said petition and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty,

We have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Falaize the said two leagues of land in depth in rear of the land and seigniory of Contrecoeur, by the whole width of the said seigniory, consisting of two leagues, which said grant shall go partly beyond the River Chambly and shall run in the same direction as the said seigniory of Contrecoeur, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said river within the said width: To have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Falaize, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present concession, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which the present concession shall be held, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country; also that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville-Marie*), and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; under the condition also that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; moreover that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the domain which he shall have set aside for himself, and cause house and home to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that immediately after the end of the present war he shall begin to settle the said concession and cause the same to be cleared, and that he shall leave therein all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal, the twentieth day of September, one thousand six hundred and ninety-four.

N^o 107.

TO THE SIEUR ETIENNE VOLANT RADISSON.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Etienne Volant Radisson, praying that we might be pleased to grant him in fief and seigniory the ungranted islands, islets and beaches lying and being at the head of Lake St. Peter, above the islands conceded to the Sieur Sorel, from the boarder of the north channel to the great middle channel called the *Chenail de l'Isle Platte*, which said islands, islets and beaches thereby prayed for contain three fourths of a league or thereabouts in width by a similar depth; taking into consideration the said petition and the services which the said Sieur Radisson has rendered in the principal war parties which have been directed against the enemies, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty,

We have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Radisson the ungranted islands, islets and beaches lying and being at the head of Lake St. Peter, as they are hereinabove designated, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the said concession; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, followed in this country; moreover on condition that he shall cause these presents to be confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this nineteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and ninety-four.

N^o 108.

PIERRE BOUCHER, SIEUR DE GRAND PRÉ.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Pierre Boucher, Esquire, Sieur de Grand Pré, major of the town of Three Rivers in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we would grant him one league of land in front by three leagues in depth, on lake St. Peter, joining on one side the granted lands of the River Yamachiche, and on the other side those of the River du Loup, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, in order that the said Sieur de Grand Pré may be able to make a settlement for himself and put settlers thereon, and for that purpose enjoy the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

Taking the said petition into consideration, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Grand Pré the said league of land in front on the said lake St. Peter, joining on one side the granted lands of the River Yamachiche, and on the other side those of the River du Loup, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches; To have and to hold the same unto the Sieur de Grand Pré, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present concessior under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established in the said place shall lie before the jurisdiction of Three Rivers; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said grant and on those which he may make to his tenants, and that as soon as the present war shall be ended, he shall commence to settle and clear the said grant, in which he shall be held to leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this thirtieth day of July, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 109.

THE SIEUR HERTEL DE COURNOYER.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the — Hertel, Esquire, Sieur de Cournoyer, Ensign in a company of the detachment of marines in this Country where he is married and settled, praying that we would grant him two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, on the north shore of the River Richelieu, to commence running from the seigniory of the Sieur Joseph Hertel, descending the said river, in order that the said Sieur de Cournoyer may be able to form a settlement and put settlers thereon, and to that end hold the same in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; taking the said petition into consideration, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Cournoyer the said two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, on the north shore of the River Richelieu, to commence running from the seigniory of the Sieur Joseph Hertel, descending the said river; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Cournoyer, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present grant; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which the present grant shall be held, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this Country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the jurisdiction of Montreal; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the Country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home on the said concession and on those which he may grant to his tenants, and that, as soon as the present war shall be ended, he shall commence to settle and cause the said concession to be cleared, on which said grant he shall be bound to leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this first day of March one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 110.

FRANÇOIS HERTEL, SIEUR DE LA FRESNIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by François Hertel, Esquire, Sieur de la Fresnière, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, to be taken on the River Richelieu which descends from the Lake of Chambly, from the concession heretofore granted by us to the Sieur Rouville, his brother, descending the said river as far as the said two leagues may extend to the south of the same, together with the adjacent islands and islets, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of trading with the Indians throughout the said tract of land ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the said Sieur Hertel de la Fresnière has rendered to the Country in the wars which we have against the English and Iroquois Indians, during which he has had a leg fractured, and been made a prisoner for many years, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said two leagues of land in front, by a similar depth, to commence running on the south side of the said River Richelieu from the land belonging to the said Sieur Rouville ; the said two leagues of land in front following and bordering on the said river, descending in the direction of Sorel, and the said two leagues of land in depth running to the southward ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de la Fresnière, his heirs and assigns, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of trading with the Indians within the said tract of land ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within two years at the latest ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said concession shall be held, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, followed in this Country ; and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville Marie*) ; moreover, on condition that he shall be bound to preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak and other timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall leave all roadways necessary for the public utility ; and that, immediately after the present war, he shall commence to settle the said lands and cause the same to be cleared, otherwise and in default of so doing these presents shall be nul, reserving especially the rights of the King and of others.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this first day of March one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

No 111.

PIERRE NOEL LEGARDEUR.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Noel Legardeur, lieutenant in a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we would grant him three leagues of land in front by as many in depth on the River Richelieu, to be taken on the south-east side of the said river, at half a league above the islets called l'Assomption, including the same, descending the said river, so that the said Sieur Legardeur may be able to make a settlement for himself and put settlers thereon, and to that effect enjoy the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; taking the said petition into consideration, and under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty,

We have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Legardeur the said three leagues of land in front by as many in depth on the River Richelieu, to be taken on the south-east side of the said river, at half a league above the islets called l'Assomption, the same included, descending the said river: To have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Legardeur, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the extent of the present concession, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Royal Jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville-Marie*); that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said tract of land; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home on the said concession and on those which he may grant to his tenants; and that, as soon as the present war shall be ended, he shall commence to settle the said concession and cause the same to be cleared, in which he shall be obliged to leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this first day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 112.

TO JACQUES FRANÇOIS DU BOURCHEMIN, SIEUR DE L'HERMITIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on what has been stated to us that Pierre Dorfeuille, Esquire, Sieur de la Hussodière, had obtained from Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant in this country, on the twenty-ninth day of october (*) one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, a grant of one league of land in front by one league in depth, to be taken from the property of the Sieur Crevier, descending towards the River Nicolet, including the *Chenail Tardif*, on which said tract of land the said Sieur de la Hussodière had caused some wood to be cut down, that during the following year he left this country to return to France and never came back again, having abandoned his said grant, such proceeding being contrary to His Majesty's intentions contained in the decrees of his council dated the fourth day of June of the said year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and the ninth day of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine;

We, under and in virtue of the power entrusted to the governor and intendant of this said country, have declared the said Sieur de la Hussodière to have forfeited his said title to the said grant, and have allotted the same and its dependancies to His Majesty's domain, to be disposed of by us under his pleasure, as we may judge proper; and Jacques François du Bourchemin, Esquire, Sieur de la Hussodière, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines which His Majesty keeps in this country, having come forward and very humbly petitioned us to grant him the said concession with an augmentation of one league in depth by the same width, to be bounded by the ordinary north-west and south-west lines in depth, and in front by the borders of Lake St. Peter;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Bourchemin the above designated tract of land, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said *Chenail Tardif*, within the depth of two leagues, and also granting him an augmentation of one league between the said lines; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur du Bourchemin, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said tract; under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur du Bourchemin, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of the town of Three Rivers, also on condition that he

(*) To be 3rd. November, see N^o 26.

shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the tract of land which he shall have set aside for his manor house, and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, as soon as peace shall have been concluded with our enemies, and in default of his said tenants so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the lands which he may have granted them; and also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his said tenants the oak timber fit for ship building, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within two years.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the first day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 113.

TO FRANÇOIS DESJOURDY, ESQUIRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition of François Desjourdy, Esquire, retired Captain of a company of the detachment of marines in this Country, praying that we would grant him two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, on the south-east side of the River Richelieu, joining the property of the Sieur LeGardeur, descending the said river, together with the adjacent islands and islets, containing about three leagues in front and in depth, going as far as the lines to be drawn north-east and south-west, in order to terminate the depth of the concessions heretofore granted on the River St. Lawrence, situate opposite the said three leagues of land hereinabove described, so that the said Sieur Desjourdy may make thereon a settlement for himself and other settlers, and for that purpose enjoy and possess the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

We, taking the said petition into consideration, and under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Desjourdy the said two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, on the south-east side of the River Richelieu, joining the property of the Sieur LeGardeur, descending the said river, together with the adjacent islands and islets; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Desjourdy, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with

the Indians throughout the whole of the present concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville Marie*) ; moreover, on condition that he shall preserve and caused to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of this Country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land ; also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, and on those which he may grant to his tenants, and that, immediately after the end of the present war, he shall commence settling and clearing the said tract of land, on which he shall be bound to furnish the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed, this twenty-second day of April one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 114.

Title of a Fief on the North-West side of the River Richelieu.

THE SIEUR DE CABANAC.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant-General for the King over all North France, and

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, one of His Majesty's Councillors in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

On the petition presented to us by Joseph Desjourdy, Esquire, Sieur de Cabanac, half-pay captain of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we may grant him all that tract of land which remains to be conceded on the north-west side of the River Richelieu, between the fiefs of the Sieurs de Falaise and Cournoyer, containing about three leagues in front and in depth, as far as the lines which shall be drawn north-east and south-west to limit the depth of the concessions heretofore granted along the River St. Lawrence, which will be found opposite the said three leagues above described, in order to enable the said Sieur de Cabanac to form a settlement for himself and other settlers, and for that purpose to enjoy the same as a fief and seigniorly with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

Having regard to which petition, and under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Cabanac all that tract of land which remains unconceded on the north-

west side of the River Richelieu, between the fiefs of the Sieurs de Falaise and Cournoyer, containing about three leagues in front and in depth, as far as the lines which will be drawn north-east and south-west to limit the depth of the concessions heretofore granted along the River St. Lawrence, which shall be found opposite the said three leagues above conceded: To have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieur de Cabanac, his heirs and assigns in full property for ever as a seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle St. of Lewis in Quebec, in whose domain it will be, and to the customary duties and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place to lie before the Royal Jurisdiction of Montreal (*Ville-Marie*); subject to the condition of preserving and causing to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; giving notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said tract of land; and also of keeping house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession and on those which he may grant to his tenants, and of commencing immediately after the end of the present war the settlement and clearing of the said concession, on which he shall be held to furnish space for the roads and passages necessary for the public use: the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-second day of April one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

Signed, FRONTENAC, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 115.

TO PIERRE THIBAUDEAU.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c. and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Thibaudéau, an inhabitant of Port Royal, praying that we might be pleased to grant him the concession of the river called by the Indians Ksaskag8che, situated between the *Monts Deserts* and *Majais*, together with one league on each side of the said river by two leagues in depth, to be taken at the mouth of the said river, with the islands and islets, if any be found therein, so that the said Thibaudéau may be enabled to form a settlement there for himself and other

settlers, and for that purpose enjoy and possess the same under the title of fief; having regard to which petition,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Thibaudeau the said concession of the river called by the Indians K8askag8e8e, situate in Acadia, between the Monts Deserts and Majais, together with one league of land on each side of the said river by two leagues in depth, to be taken at the mouth of the said river, and with the islands and islets if any be found therein: to have and to hold the same unto the said Thibaudeau, his heirs and assigns, in fee, forever, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole of the said concession, under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said grant; and that he shall cause the same clause to be inserted in the concessions which he will be permitted to grant on the said tract of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the same; and that, immediately after the end of the present war, he shall commence to settle and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and finally that he shall leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility: the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twentieth day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 116.

TO BERNARD DAMOURS, SIEUR DE PLENNE, ESQUIRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by François Damours, Esquire, Sieur de Plenne, praying that we might be pleased to grant him the concession of the River *Canibekéchiche*, a tributary of the River St. John in Acadia, together with one league and a half of land on each side of the said river by two leagues in depth, and the adjacent islands and islets, so that the said Sieur de Plenne may be able to make a settle-

ment and put settlers thereon, and for that purpose enjoy and possess the same in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

Taking the said petition into consideration, we, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Plenne the said river called Canibekichiche, a tributary of the river St. John in Acadia, together with one league and a half of land on each side of the said river, by two leagues in depth, and also the adjacent islands and islets ; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieur de Plenne, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief, seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the viscounty and provostship of Paris, followed in this country ; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said tract of land, and that he shall cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the said land ; that immediately after the end of the present war, he shall commence to cause the said tract of land to be settled and cleared, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and also that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given and done at Quebec, this twentieth day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 117.

TO THE SIEUR DE GOUTIN.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these presents letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Goutin, lieutenant-general of Acadia, and subdelegate of His Lordship the intendant of the said country, praying that we might be pleased to grant him the tract of land called the *Pointe aux Chesnes*, situate on the River St. John, together with one league of land on each side of the said Pointe, by two leagues in depth, with the adjacents islands and islets, so that

the said *Sieur de Goutin* may be able to make a settlement for himself and put settlers thereon, and to that effect enjoy the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

We, therefore, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur de Goutin* the place called the *Pointe aux Chesnes*, situate on the river *St. John*, together with one league of land on each side of the said *Pointe*, by two leagues in depth, with the adjacent islands and islets; to have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieur de Goutin*, his said heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said concession; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of *St. Louis* in *Quebec*, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of *Paris* followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to the governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said concession, and that he shall cause the same condition to be included in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants thereon, and that immediately after the present war, he shall commence to clear and settle the same, on pain of being dispossessed thereof, and that he shall leave therein all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at *Quebec*, the twentieth day of *June*, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 118.

TO JACQUES FRANÇOIS DU BOURCHEMIN, SIEUR DE L'HERMITIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by *Jacques François du Bourchemin*, *Sieur de l'Hermitière*, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we might be pleased to grant him one league and a half of land in front on each side of the River *Ouamaska*, including the

same, to be taken one half league below the rivulet called *Salvaye*, and one league above, in the ungranted lands, by a similar depth, running north west and south east, together with the adjacent islands, islets and meadows. so that the said *Sieur de Bourchemin* may be able to make a settlement for himself and put settlers thereon, and to that end possess the same in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

We, therefore, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur du Bourchemin* the said league and a half of land in front on each side of the river *Otiamaska*, including the same, to be taken one half league above the rivulet called *Salvaye*, and one league above, in the ungranted lands, by a similar depth running north west and south east, together with the adjacent islands, islets and meadows ; to have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieur du Bourchemin*, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber, fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found in the said concession, and cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which he will be allowed to grant on the said tract of land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants thereon ; that immediately after the present war he shall commence to clear and cause to be inhabited the said grant, on pain of being dispossessed of the same ; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-second day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 119.

TO THE SIEUR MICHEL CHARTIER.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the *Sieur Michel Chartier*, an inhabitant of Acadia, praying that we would be pleased to grant him in fief and

seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, an extent of land situate on the River Descoudet, in the said country, containing one half league in front on each side of the said river, by one league and a half in depth, together with the adjacent islands and islets, to commence on the south west side at the property of the Sieur de St. Aubin, descending the said river, and on the north east side at the ungranted lands opposite that hereinabove mentioned;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Chartier the said extent of land situate on the river Descoudet, containing one half league in front on each side of the said river, by one league and a half in depth, together with the adjacent islands and islets, to commence on the south west side at the property of the Sieur de St. Aubin, descending the said river, and on the north east side at the ungranted lands opposite that hereinabove mentioned; to have and to hold the same unto himself, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebecc, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said concession, and cause the same condition to be inserted in the concessions which he will be allowed to make on the said tract of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*), and that immediately after the present war he shall commence to clear the said land and cause the same to be inhabited, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages for the use of the public; the wole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In faith and testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, this eighth day of July, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

N^o 120.

TO PIERRE LESSARD, AND BARBE FORTIN HIS WIFE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Lessard and Barbe Fortin, his wife, heretofore the widow of Pierre Gagnon, praying that we would be

pleased to grant them one league and a half of land in front by two leagues in depth, at the place called Le Bicq, the said front to be taken on the south-west from Father Point, belonging to the Sieur René Lepage, in virtue of an exchange which he has made with the Sieur de la Cardonnière, and the said front to continue towards the north-east running along the River St. Lawrence as far as the said league and a half may extend, so that the said above named parties may be able to make a settlement for themselves and put settlers thereon, and to that end possess the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Lessard and his wife, the said league and a half of land in front by two leagues of land in depth, situate at the said place called Le Bicq, the said front to be taken on the south-west from Father Point, belonging to the Sieur René Lepage, in virtue of an exchange which he has made with the Sieur de la Cardonnière, and the said front to continue towards the north-east along the River St. Lawrence as far as the said league and a half may extend: To have and to hold the same unto the above named parties in fee for ever, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, on condition that the children issue of the marriages of the said Barbe Fortin shall equally divide the said tract between them after the decease of the said grantees, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which the same shall be held, under the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber, fit for the building of vessels; that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein; that they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and that they shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the same on pain of being dispossessed thereof; and lastly that they shall leave all roadways and passages necessary to the public utility: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the eighth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 121.

TO OLIVIER MOREL DE LA DURANTAYE.

7th May, 1696.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Olivier Morel, Esquire, Sieur de la Durantaye, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a concession of one league of land in front by two leagues in depth opposite that already granted him, at the head of the River Boyer, together with another league of land in front joining the said land on each side of the said river, by two leagues in depth, in the ungranted lands, joining on the south-west side the lands of the *Côte de Lauzon* and on the north-east side those of the seigniory of Beaumont;

We, in consideration of the good services which the said Sieur de la Durantaye has rendered and still renders to His Majesty in this country, and under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the lands which are hereinabove designated; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which shall be held to perform at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said extent, that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, &c., &c., &c.

N^o 122.

PIERRE DE BECARD, SIEUR DE GRANVILLE, AND CHARLES AUBERT, SIEUR DE LA CHESNAVE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Pierre de Becard, Sieur de Granville, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is

married and settled, and Charles Aubert, Sieur de la Chesnaye, praying that we might be pleased to grant them two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, in the unconceded lands, joining on one side the land of the said Sieur de Granville called *l'Islet du Portage*, and on the other the seigniory of Terrebois, belonging to the said Sieur de la Chesnaye, representing the Sieur d'Autier, the said concessions lying and being on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence above the River *du Loup*; to have and possess the same, subject to the same rights as their first concessions; in consideration thereof,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs de Grandville and de la Chesnaye, the said two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, to be divided between them by halves, in the same manner as they are hereinbefore described: to have and to hold the same by them, their heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the same rights and privileges as their first concessions, and to the same charges mentioned therein, and on condition that they shall be held to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year, on pain of nullity.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the second day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 123.

TO GEORGE RENARD, SIEUR DUPLESSIS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by George Renard, Sieur Duplessis, clerk in this country for Mr. De Lubert, treasurer general of the navy, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the concession of the Bay and River of Cocagne, in Acadia, together with two leagues of land in front on each side of the said bay by six leagues in depth, the said front to commence on the sea shore and thus continue the whole depth, with the adjacent islands, islets and meadows, and to name the said grant Duplessis,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Duplessis the Bay and River of Cocagne, situate in Acadia, together with two leagues of land in front on each side of the said bay by six leagues in depth, the said front to commence on the sea shore and thus continue the whole depth, also the adjacent islands, islets and meadows, to which grant we give the name of Duplessis: to have and to hold the same unto him, his

heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, and the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; and that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants; and that immediately after the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land on pain of being dispossessed of the same; and lastly that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages for the public utility: the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of October one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 124.

LOUIS LEPAGE AND GABRIEL THIBIERGE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Louis Lepage and Gabriel Thibierge, praying that we would grant them the tract of land which is situate between the concession of the Sieur Pachot, merchant, and that of the Sieur Lessard, lying and being at the place called Rimousky, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, by one league in depth, so that the said Sieurs Lepage and Thibierge may make a settlement, and place settlers thereon, and to that end enjoy and possess the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; taking the said petition into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted unto us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Lepage and Thibierge the above mentioned tract of land as it is here designated: To have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be bound to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which

they shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; further on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; and that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of such mines, ores and minerals as may be found therein ; that they shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by their tenants ; that they shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same ; and lastly, that they shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages for the use of the public : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed the present concession, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fourteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 125.

Title of a Fief in the Bay des Chaleurs.

THE SIEUR HUBERT.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant-General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other Countries in North France ;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known, that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Hubert, praying that we would grant him the concession of the river Grand Pabo, otherwise called the river Duval, situate in the Bay des Chaleurs, together with two leagues and a half of land in front, on the east side of the said river, and half a league on the west side thereof towards the river Petit Pabo, including the same, by a similar depth ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Hubert the said river together with the land above mentioned as it is here designated, to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Hubert, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; subject also to the condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants

the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals, which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and that he shall immediately cause the said tract of land to be cleared, on pain of being dispossessed of the same; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fourteenth day of November one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

Signed,

FRONTENAC, and

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And beneath are the two seals, and beneath the said seals is written, By His Lordship's command,

HAUTEVILLE.

And alongside is again written, By His Lordship's command,

ANDRÉ.

Signed,

HUBERT.

BEGON.

N^o 126.

TO THE HURON INDIANS OF LORETTE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On what has been represented to us by the Huron Indians settled at Lorette, through the Jesuit Father Decouvert, their missionary, who spoke for them, that since several years they perceive that the land at Lorette aforesaid is totally worn out and that it cannot any longer supply their sustenance and especially the present year, in which they have reaped Indian corn to last only until Christmas, which circumstance has forced them to seek in the depth of the neighbouring woods a spot which might suit them, which they have found, but they have learned at the same time that Guillaume Bonhomme, an inhabitant, and the Sieur Peuvret, the son, both pretend to be proprietors thereof as having had the same conceded to them in fief; the contestation existing between the said Sieur Peuvret and the said Bonhomme hinders them from cutting down the wood in order to prepare for sowing next spring; Praying us most humbly to grant them leave to settle themselves on the spot which

they have found, being within the limits of the said lands, and to that effect grant them one half league of land in front, joining the depth of the lands of the Sieur de Maure, by two leagues in depth if such quantity be found, under the tender which they make of giving them up at the end of twelve years, so that the same may return to the proprietors of the said place;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty and taking into consideration the wants of the Indians, and whereas the said lands are in no manner cleared, have granted and do hereby grant leave to the said Huron Indians to settle themselves on the said land which is situated between the seigniory of Neuville and that of Godarville, consisting of one half league in front by two leagues in depth, on condition that they shall cause the lines thereof to be immediately drawn, and bring us a certificate thereof, and that they shall abandon the said lands at the end of twelve years so that the same may return to the proprietors of the said place, if the said Indians do not prefer paying them the rents of the same for the further space of time which they may wish to enjoy the said lands, as if they were leased to French settlers.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifth day of December one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 127.

THE SIEUR RENÉ DENEAU.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur René Deneau, praying that we might be pleased to grant him three leagues and a half of land in front at the place called *Port Daniel*, in the *Bay des Chaleurs*, the said front to commence half a league to the east of the cape which forms one side of the bay of the said Port Daniel, the said three leagues and a half to continue towards the west, by one league in depth, together with the rivers, rivulets and ponds which may be found within the said extent of land, so that the said Deneau may be able to make a settlement for himself and place settlers thereon, and to that end enjoy and possess the same in fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Deneau the said lands as they are hereinabove designated; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the

Indians; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said tract of land; that he shall commence immediately to clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages for the use of the public; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twelfth day of December, one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

N^o 128.

TO DAME MARGUERITE DENIS, WIDOW DE LANAUDIÈRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Marguerite Denis, Widow of the Sieur de Lanaudière, praying that we would grant her three leagues of land in depth, in rear of the land and seigniory of St. Ann, by the whole width of the same and of that of the Sieurs de Seneve and Hamelin, together with the islands, islets and beaches not yet conceded, which may be found within the said extent; the said depth joining on one side the seigniory of Grondines, and on the other side that of Batiscan, so that the said Dame de Lanaudière may be able to make a settlement for herself and put settlers thereon, and for that purpose enjoy the same in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians;

In consideration thereof, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame de Lanaudière the said three leagues of land in depth, as they are hereinabove designated; to have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the whole extent of the present concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships, and that she shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country, of the mines, ores and mine-

als, if any be found within the said extent of land ; that she shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by her tenants ; that she shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed thereof, and lastly that she shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, this fourth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 129.

TO THE ABENAKIS INDIANS OF THE CHAUDIÈRE FALLS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Reverend Jesuit Fathers, praying that we might grant them, for the Abenakis Indians settled at the Chaudière Falls, one league and a half of land on each side of the river of the said Chaudière Falls, by half a league in depth, the said land joining one one side the tract of land already granted to the said Abenakis Indians, and on the other side the grant of François Mainville, and this because the said Indians cannot live there any longer, if they have not a larger extent of land ;

In consideration thereof, we, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Revd. Jesuit Fathers, for and in the name of the said Abenakis Indians, the said tract of land such as it is hereinabove designated ; to have and to hold the same unto them for ever, subject to the condition that they shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country, of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that they shall have these presents accepted and confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, this fifth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 130.

THE SIEUR DE BOISELLERY NOEL, ESQUIRE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Boissellery Noel, Esquire, controller of the navy and fortifications in this country, praying that we would grant him ten leagues of land in front by four in depth, situate in the Bay des Chaleurs, to be taken from the River Margonich going towards that of Menchik, together with the islands, islets, beaches and capes opposite the same, and give the name of Boissellery to the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Boissellery Noel the said tract of land as it is herein above described, to which we give the name of Boissellery, to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of fishing, hunting and trading throughout the whole extent of the said grant, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which it shall be held, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country, on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the Governor of the Country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found whithin the said extent of land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants ; that immediately after the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed thereof ; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, this twenty-third March one thousand six hundred and ninety.

N^o 131.

TO THE SIEUR CHAS. DENIS DE VITRÉ.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Charles Denis de Vitré, councillor in the supreme council of this country, praying that we would grant him four leagues

of land in front by a similar depth, situate in the great Bay of St. Lawrence, to be taken from the river called Articogneth, one half of the same included, going in the direction of the seigniory of the Sieur Noel, otherwise called Cape St. Louis, together with the adjacent islands and ilets ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Vitré the said four leagues of land in front by as many in depth, as they are hereinabove designated, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the Country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants ; that immediately after the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, on pain of nullity.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 132.

THE SIEUR OUTLAS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c. ; and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Outlas praying that we would be pleased to grant him four leagues of land in front by a similar depth, in the great Bay of St. Lawrence, to be taken from the River called Articogneh, one half of the same included, going in the direction of the little passage of Canceaux, together with the islands, islets and beaches opposite thereto ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Outlas the said four leagues of land in front by as many in depth, such as they are hereinabove designated ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns in fief and

seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle St. Lewis of Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants; that immediately after the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, on pain of nullity.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of March one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 133.

THE SIEUR MATHIEU DE LINO.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Mathieu de Lino, merchant of Quebec, praying that we might be pleased to grant him in fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), a certain tract of land containing five leagues or thereabout by a similar depth, situate on the coast of Acadia, opposite the island of St. John, to be taken from the concession of the Sieur Duplessis, treasurer of the navy, of the Bay and River of Cocagne, going towards the south-east in the direction of that of the Sieur de la Vallière, together with the islands, islets, beaches and capes situate opposite the same, and give to the said concession the name of Linoville;

We, in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de Lino has rendered to this colony in his capacity of interpreter in the English language, which he has always done gratis, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said extent of land containing five leagues or thereabout by a similar depth, as it is hereinabove designated, to which we give the name of "Linoville"; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean

and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said tract of land; under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said extent; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his servants; that, immediately after the termination of the present war, he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and lastly, that he shall be bound to permit the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 134.

THE SIEUR PAUL DUPUY.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Paul Dupuy, Esquire, particular lieutenant of the provostship of Quebec, praying that we would grant him three leagues of land in front or thereabouts by a similar depth, situate on the coast of Acadia in the great Bay of St. Lawrence, joining on one side the concession of the Sieur de Lamo, and on the other side that of the Sieur de la Vallière, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said extent, and give the said land the name of St. Paul:

We, in consideration of the good services which the said Sieur Dupuy has rendered in this country, as well in war when he has always been present as far as it has been in his power, as in the discharge of the situations which he has held, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said three leagues of land or thereabouts in front by a similar depth as they are hereinabove designated, to which concession we give and assign the name of St. Paul; To have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present concession, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues

agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; under the condition also that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land ; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and that immediately after the end of the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said concession, and lastly that he shall leave therein all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fourth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 135.

THE SIEUR MARC ANTOINE DE COTTENTRÉ.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Marc Antoine, Sieur de Cottentré, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that we would grant him four leagues of land in front by a similar depth, situate on the coast of Acadia, to be taken from the concession of the Sieur Outas, going towards the little passage of Canceaux, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said extent ;

We, in virtue of the order jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Cottentré the said four leagues of land in front by a similar depth, as they are hereinabove described ; that he have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and that immediately after the present war he shall commence to clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land and lastly that he shall leave therein the road-

ways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the sixth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety seven.

N^o 136.

Titles of one half of the Fief St. Anne and of the Fief of Tarieu.

THE SIEUR DE LA PEIRADE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country.

On the petition made to us by Dame Marguerite Denis, Widow of the Sieur de la Nau-dière, that we might be pleased to grant her the islands which are opposite her property of St. Ann, and at the mouth of its river, and, amongst others, the one on which her mill is built, called *L'Isle du Large*, considering that no mention whatever is made thereof in the purchase from the Sieur Gamelin, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy, nor in the title from Mr. Talon, then intendant of this country, authorising the said sale, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two;

In consideration thereof, we, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Dame de Lanaudière the islands which are opposite her property of St. Ann, and at the mouth of its river, and amongst others the one on which her mill is erected, called *L'Isle du Large*, considering that no mention whatever has been made thereof in the purchase from the Sieur Gamelin, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy, nor in the title-deed from Mr. Talon, then intendant of this country, authorising the said sale, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two; to have and to hold the same unto herself, her heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the duties and charges mentioned in the title-deed of her said property of St. Ann, and on condition of having these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the sixth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed, FRONTENAC, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And below is written,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, HAUTEVILLE.

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, ANDRÉ.

Nº 137.

THE SIEUR HAUTTEVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.,

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Hautteville, praying that we would grant him four or five leagues, or thereabouts, of land in front, by a similar depth, situate along the coast of Acadia, between Pintagouet and the River St. John, to be taken two leagues below Adouaquet, and two leagues ascending to the north east above Nesquet, together with the islands, islets and capes, which may be found within the said extent, and that we would call the said land *Villeclaire*;

Taking the said petition into consideration, we, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Hautteville the said four or five leagues, or thereabouts, of land in front by a similar depth, as they are hereinabove designated, to which concession we give the name of *Villeclaire*; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the Governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and that immediately after the present war he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twelfth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 138.

TO THE SIEUR LE GARDEUR.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur LeGardeur, Esquire, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, that we would grant him five leagues or thereabouts of land in front, by four in depth, situate along the coast of Acadia, to commence running from the River Quiquishecoubeugouet, forming the boundary of the property of the Sieur de la Vallière, going as far as the River Memelic, together with the islands, islets and beaches, which may be found within the said extent, and that we would give the said seigniority the name of *Tilly*;

In consideration thereof, we, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur LeGardeur the said five leagues or thereabouts of land in front, by four leagues in depth, as they are hereinabove designated; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief, seigniority and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the said land; that immediately after the end of the present war, he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twelfth day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 139.

THE SIEUR GENAPLES DE VILRENARD.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Charles Genaples, Sieur de Vilrenard praying that we would grant him a certain tract of land containing one league and a half or thereabouts on each side of the River St. John in Acadia, by two leagues in depth, to be taken from the seigniory of Monouât going as far as the River Skouteopkek, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said extent;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said Sieur Genaples the said space of land containing one league and a half or thereabouts in front, by two leagues in depth, as it is hereinabove designated, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole, extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this Country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber, fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants; and that immediately after the present war, he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec the twenty-third day of April one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 140.

THE SIEUR DE LA CROIX.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de la Croix, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the concession of the River Bonnaventure, with two leagues of

land in front, to wit, one half league in one side of the said river towards the south west, going in the direction of Quisquaperiac, and one league and a half on the other side to the north east going towards Pasperiac, by four leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said extent the whole lying and being at the extremity of the Bay des Chaleurs; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Croix the said river of Bonaventure, with two leagues of land in front by four leagues in depth, as above described, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary duties and dues; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of this Country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants, and that immediately after the present war, he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof he have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec the twenty-third day of April one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

EXTRACT FROM THE INTENDANT'S REGISTER, 5 and 6.

N^o 141.

THE SIEUR LOUIS JOLLIET.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Jolliet, praying that we would grant him the islets which are in the River Etchemias above the first fall, containing three fourths of a league or thereabouts, together with three leagues of land in front by a similar depth, to be taken half a league, below the said islets ascending the said river, joining on one side the seigniory of Lauzon, and on the other side the ungranted lands, the whole in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), so that the said Sieur de Jolliet may form a settlement there and place settlers thereon ; in consideration thereof,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted, given and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Jolliet the said islets containing three fourths of a league or thereabouts, together with three leagues of land in front by a similar depth as the whole is hereinabove designated ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, forever, in fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the rights of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the whole of the said concession, under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be establish at the said place, shall lie immediately before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall preserve and ~~keep~~ to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said grant ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the same ; and that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same ; and finally that he shall leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility : the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the last day of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven-

N^o 142.

Title of the Fief Champlain.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c. and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Madame de La Touche, praying that we might be pleased to grant her three leagues of land in depth, joining the rear of her seigniority of Champlain, by the whole width of the same, joining on one side the seigniority of Batiscan, and on the other the fief of the Sieur Hertel; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Dame de La Touche the said three leagues of land in depth, joining the rear of her seigniority of Champlain, by the whole width of the same: To have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the same rights and charges as those set forth in the title deed of her said seigniority of Champlain, and on condition that she shall have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-eighth day of April one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By His Lordships' command,

HAUTEVILLE.

By His Lordships' command,

ANDRÉ.

N^o 143.

TO THE SIEURS LOUIS LEPAGE AND GABL. THIBIERGE.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Louis Lepage and Gabriel Thibierge praying that we would grant them two leagues of land in depth, joining the rear of the concession already granted them at the place called Rimousky, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, joining on one side the property of the Sieur Pachot, merchant, and on the other that of the Sieur Lessard, by the whole width of the same, together with the islands and islets which may be found within the said extent, the whole to be divided between them at the option of the said Sieur Thibierge ;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Louis Lepage and Gabriel Thibierge the said two leagues of land joining the rear of the concession already granted them, at the place called Rimousky, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, joining on one side the property of the Sieur Pachot, merchant, and on the other that of the Sieur Lessard, by the whole width of the said concession, together with the islands and islets which may be found within the said extent ; To have and to hold the same unto them, thir heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to same rights and charges as those mentioned in the title deed of their said first concession ; on condition also that the children of the two wives of the said Sieur Thibierge shall equally divide his part between them, after his decease and that of his wife ; and also subject to the condition that they shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these preseets, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the seventh day of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven-

N^o 144.

TO THE SIEURS DESCHAMPS DE LA BOUTEILLERIE, LANDRON AND DE NIORT.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by François-Jean-Baptiste Deschamps, Esquire, Sieur de la Bouteillerie, and by the Sieurs Etienne Landron and Louis de Niort, praying that we might grant them, in order that they may form an establishment for fishing and seal hunting, four islands called the Islands of the Pilgrins, at a distance of about thirty leagues from Quebec, the four together containing one league and a half or thereabouts of land, together

with the channels which separate them from one another, the said islands situated nearly in the middle of the River St. Lawrence and a little nearer the south than the north ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs de la Bouteillerie, Landron and de Niort the said four islands as they are hereinabove designated : To have and to hold the same unto them, in fee, for ever, on condition that they shall immediately commence to make the said fixed settlement for fishing and seal hunting ; reserving, however, to ourselves the right of granting them to others if they discontinue the said fishing, granting the same only on that condition ; subject moreover to the condition that the Sieur de Grandville only shall have the right of seal hunting therein, to whom we do hereby grant it ; that they shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said extent ; and that they shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Thus done and given at Quebec, the eleventh day of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 145.

THE CURATE AND CHURCH-WARDENS OF QUEBEC.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that the Curate and Church-Wardens of the Church and Parish of Quebec having represented to us that in the year one thousand six hundred and fifty, a donation was made to the said Church by the inhabitants of Quebec aforesaid, of eight arpents of land on Cape Diamond, which had been, for the benefit of the said Church, exchanged for eight other arpents situate at the same place, as appears by the deed of exchange which was granted by Mr. de Lauzon, then Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in this country, of which said eight arpents of land there was taken for the enlargement of the Garden of the Castle of Quebec aforesaid, half an arpent or thereabouts, and that the fortifications of the said city cut and run entirely through the remainder of the said land, moreover that the earth has been taken away therefrom down to the rock, to make the terraces of the said fortifications ; taking which into consideration, and being desirous of indemnifying in some manner the Fabric of the said Church for the loss which it sustains ; on the petition which has been made to us by the said Curate and Church-Wardens of the said Parish, praying us to erect into a fief the said eight arpents or thereabouts of land,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have erected, and do erect into a fief only the said land as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same

unto the said Fabric under the said title and other customary rights, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition however that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the said extent, and that they shall have these presents ratified by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed the present concession, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 146.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

The heirs of one Jacques Cochu, heretofore an inhabitant of Acadia, having petitioned us, last year, to cause them to enjoy the title deed granted to him on the 31st May 1697, by Messieurs the count de Frontenac and Champigny, then Governor-General and Intendant of New-France, of the concession of the Grand River, situate in the Bay of Chaleurs, together with one league and a half of land in front by two leagues in depth, to be taken from the seigniory of Grand Pabo, then belonging to the Sieur René Hubert, and now to the Sieur Lefevre Bellefeuille, going towards Cape Espoir, in the direction of l'Isle Percée; and having represented to us that since that time neither the said Cochu nor they have made any settlement thereon, their means having never allowed them to do so, but that being at present able to go to some expense to settle that place, they prayed us to procure them the ratification of the said title deed, we then made their petition known to His Majesty who has given us orders to issue to the said heirs Cochu a new title deed of the concession of the said Bay of Chaleurs, in virtue of which orders we have granted anew to the heirs Cochu the said Bay of Chaleurs, together with one league and a half of land in front by two leagues in depth, to be taken from the Seigniory of Grand Pabo, belonging to the Sieur Lefevre Bellefeuille, going towards Cape Espoir, in the direction of l'Isle Percée, in conformity with the title deed granted as aforesaid to the said Cochu; to have and to hold the same unto the said heirs Cochu, in equal portions, and their assigns, in full property, for ever, under the title of fief only, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; of preserving and causing to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; of giving notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; of keeping and causing to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon; of clearing and causing to be cleared the said land, in default whereof the present concession shall be null; of leaving the King's highways and other roads for the public use, and should His Majesty

hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty may take the same as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and the fire wood for the garrisons of the forts, without being held to pay any indemnity therefor; we also hereby reserve in the name of His Majesty the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of vessels, without being held to any indemnity.

Done and given at Quebec, the 15th day of October, 1750.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

A true copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 147

TO JACQUES COCHU.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Jacques Cochu, praying that we would grant him the concession of the Grand River in the Bay des Chaleurs, together with a league and a half of land in front by two leagues in depth, to be taken from the seigniory of Grand Pabo, belonging to the Sieur René Hubert, going in the direction of Cape Epois towards Percée Island;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted unto us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Cochu the said concession of the Grand River together with one league and a half of land in front by two in depth as the whole is hereinabove designated: To have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, in fief only, with the privilege of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, under the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; further on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; and that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of such mines, ores and minerals as may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants; and that immediately after the present war, he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same; and lastly, that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages for the use of the public: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the first day of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 148.

TO FRANÇOIS HAZEUR AND DENIS RIVERIN.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieurs François Hazeur and Denis Riverin, merchants at Quebec, praying that we might grant them the concession of l'Ance de l'Étang, situate at the lower end of the River St. Lawrence, six leagues below the Valley of the *Monts Notre Dame*, together with half a league of land in front on each side of the said bay by one league in depth, so that they may commence to work at a quarry of slate which the said Sieur Riverin has discovered there during this year, from which it is hoped that the colony will derive advantage; in consideration thereof,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Hazeur and Riverin the said Bay of l'Étang situate at the lower end of the River St. Lawrence, six leagues below the Valley of the *Monts Notre Dame*, together with half a league of land in front on each side of the said bay by one league in depth; to have and to hold the same unto them, their successors and assigns in fee, for ever, subject to the condition that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said extent, and that they shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the twentieth day of September, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

N^o 149.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champig^v, Noroy and Verneuil, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Countries.

On the petition presented to us by François de Chavigny, Sieur de la Chevrotière, praying that we might be pleased to grant him the islets and shoals which are opposite his land of La Chevrotière and along the same, as far as the ship channel (*chenail des barques*);

Taking the said petition into consideration, we, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de La Chevrotière the islets and shoals which are opposite his said land of La Chevrotière and along the same, as far as the ship channel; to have and to hold the same unto himself, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the same duties and charges mentioned in the title-deed of his said land of La Chevrotière, and to the condition of having these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In faith and testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the eleventh day of January, one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

Signed,

FRONTENAC, and

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

By His Lordship's command,

Signed,

DE MONSEIGNAT.

N^o 150.

THE SIEUR LOUIS HAMELIN.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Hamelin, seignior of a part of Grondines, praying that we would grant him the islands, islets and beaches which are situate opposite his part and portion of the said eigniory of Grondines, commencing from the mill belonging to the same and going as far as the seigniory of St. Ann;

In consideration thereof, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Hamelin the said islands, islets and beaches which are found opposite his part and portion of the seigniory of Grondines, which commences from the mill belonging to the same, going as far as the seigniory of St. Ann; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the same duties and charges as those seth forth in the title-deed of the said land of Grondines, and on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the nine-teenth day of January, one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

No 151.

Title of a Fief in rear of the Seigniories of St. Gabriel and St. Ignace.

THE SIEUR HUBERT, JESUIT.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant-General of His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other Countries North France ;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and Verneuil, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur René Louis Hubert, the son, praying that we would grant him two leagues of land in front, by a similar extent in depth, lying and being in rear of the seigniories called St. Gabriel and St. Ignace, belonging to the Jesuit Fathers and the Religious Ladies Hospitallers of Quebec, the said land running towards the north-east, bounded on one end by said seigniories, and at the other end and on both sides the ungranted lands ; taking the said petition into consideration.

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Hubert the said two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, as they are herein designated ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in full property, for ever, under the title of fief only, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the Governor of the Country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants ; that within one year he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the tenth day of June one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

Signed,

FRONTENAC, and

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down, By His Lordship's command,

DE MONSEIGNAT.

And alongside, By His Lordship's command,

ANDRÉ.

Signed,

HUBERT.

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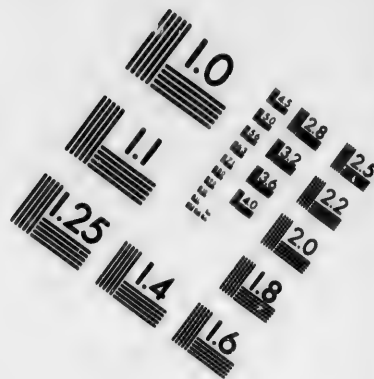
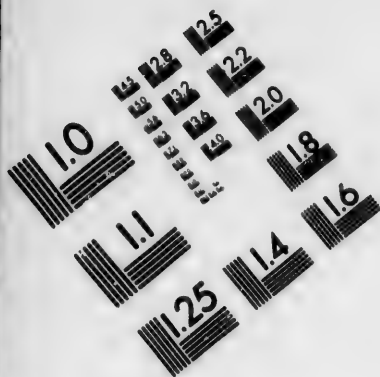
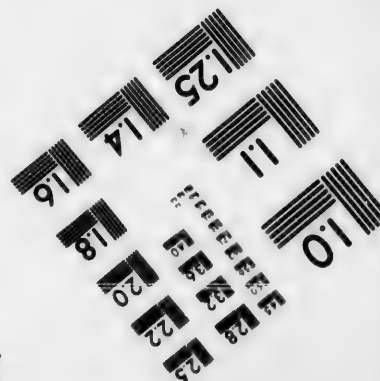
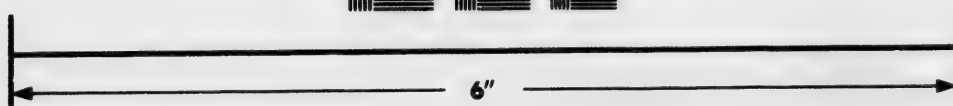
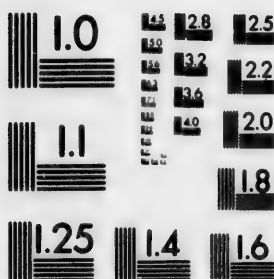


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N^o 152.

TO THE SIEUR PIERRE LESSARD.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Lessard, praying that we would grant him one league of land in front by a similar depth on the River St. Lawrence near the Islet St. Jean in rear of the seignior of Madlle du Tartre, joining on one side the property of the Sienr de la Chesnaye and on the other that of François Belanger, at one end the seignior of the said Demoiselle du Tartre and at the other the unconceded lands; in considération thereof,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Lessard the said league of land in front by a similar depth, as it is hereinabove designated, to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the annual payment, on the customary day, to the King's Domain in this country, of the sum of six *deniers* of *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine et amendes* when the same become due agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; on condition that he shall within one year from the date hereof clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec the thirtieth day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

N^o 153.

TO THE SIEUR BOUCHER, THE FATHER.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.; and

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the sieur Boucher, the father, praying that we would grant him the islands, shoals and beaches which are opposite his land and seignior of Boucherville as far as the middle of the River St. Lawrence, both on the north and on the south of the islets which have already been granted him by Mr. Talon, heretofore intendant in this country, together with the right of fishing as far as the middle of the said river River St. Lawrence in front of his said land; in consideration thereof,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Boucher, the islets, shoals and beaches which are opposite his said land, together with the right of fishing as far the middle of the River St. Lawrence, the whole as it is hereinabove designated; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the same rights and charges as those set forth in the title of concession of his said land of Boucherville, and on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Montreal, the seventeenth day of August one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

N^o 154.

TO CHARLES LE MOYNE, SIEUR DE LONGUEUIL.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On what has been represented to us by Charles Le Moyne, Esquire, Sieur de Longueuil, that he possesses in fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), a tract of land called *Longueuil*, situate on the south shore of the river St. Lawrence, opposite the town of Montreal, containing two leagues or thereabouts in width by one league and a half in depth, except fifty arpents in front which are only one hundred arpents in depth, which said tract of land was granted to the late Charles Lemoyne, Esquire, his father, on which he has caused a fort flanked with four towers to be erected, the whole in mason work, together with a guard-house, a handsome church and several large dwelling houses, the whole likewise in mason work, enclosed in the said fort, and a common mill (*moulin banal*) also in mason work, outside the said fort, and has granted to a number of inhabitants the whole of the said tract of land, except that portion which he has set aside for his domain, which said inhabitants together with himself are laboring to improve and place the same entirely under cultivation; and as it is his wish (if it be His Majesty's pleasure) to augment the said tract of land and erect thereon several villages, he has petitioned us to make him a grant in rear of the same, so that he may have three leagues and a half from the shore of the river St. Lawrence by the whole width of his said land; to have and to hold the said land in rear together with what he already possesses in fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing, throughout the whole extent of the said lands and opposite the same as far as the north side of the Island of St. Helen, also belonging to him;

In consideration of the above facts, of which we are fully informed, and also considering that the erection of the said fort, church, dwelling-houses and other buildings all new, has cost him more than sixty thousand livres, besides what he continues to spend on his said land

in order to carry into effect his intention of extending the same and of placing new settlers thereon,

We, under the will and pleasure of the King, have given, granted and conceded to the said Sieur de Longueuil a tract of land in rear of his said land, so that it shall hereafter extend three leagues and a half in depth from the shore of the river St. Lawrence, by the whole width of his said land, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the said extent of land and opposite the same as far as the north side of the island of St. Helen; to have and to hold the whole in fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and to enjoy the same himself and his tenants for ever, the whole being held of the King, subject to the customary rights and dues at each and every mutation, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, and of preserving for the King the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said tract of land, and of giving notice thereof to His Majesty by whom he shall have these presents confirmed.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

Signed, FRONTENAC, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, DE MONSEIGNAT, and
ANDRÉ.

N^o 155.

TO THE SIEUR DE GRANVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Granville, lieutenant of a company of the detachment of marines in this country, where he is married and settled, praying that we would grant him a new title for a tract of land, situate near Goose and Crane islands, called the St. Marguerite islands, containing forty arpents in front by five in depth, together with three small islands on the south side thereof, and the beaches adjacent to the said islands, which had already been granted to him about thirty two years ago by Mr. Talon, then intendant in this country, the title-deed of which grant is lost;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede *de novo* to the said Sieur de Granville the said tract of land, as it is hereinabove described, on condition that if the first title-deed which had been granted him for the same be found, it shall be

rendered null by these presents; to have and hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, on condition that he shall pay annually to the King's domain in this country, on the customary day, six deniers of *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine* and *amende*, when the same become due, according to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the fifth day of November, one thousand six hundred and ninety-eight.

N^o 156.

Title of Sillery.

THE REVD. JESUIT FATHERS.

HECTOR DE CALLIÈRE, Knight of the order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King over the whole of North France ;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, Noroy and other places, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

Considering the petition presented to us by the Reverend Father Martin Bouvart, Superior of the Society of Jesus in this country, and Father François Vaillant its procurator, praying that we might be pleased to transfer to them as their own property the fief, land and seignior of Sillery, which they now enjoy only as administrators of the property belonging to the Christian Indians, to whom the said fief had been granted by His Majesty in the month of July one thousand six hundred and fifty one, and which the said Indians have been obliged to abandon ten or twelve years since, to go and establish themselves elsewhere, as well because the soil under culture was entirely worn out, as because the fire wood, which has been cut for forty years, is now very far from their residence, and also to transfer to them as their own property and in fief four perches of land in front by eight in depth, conceded by the late M. De Montmagny, and an augmentation of forty toises square, conceded by the late M. Daillebout, both Governors General of this country, to the late Pachiriny, an Indian Chief at the place called Three Rivers, of which the said Jesuits, as guardians and administrators of the property of the said Pachiriny, have granted, since more than forty years, deeds of concession to divers French individuals to occupy them and erect buildings thereon as they have done, for a small rent, which said Pachiriny is deceased, and the said Jesuit Fathers have remained in the enjoyment of the said tracts of land, whereof they now pray us to grant them a title of concession ; and being fully informed of the good intentions of the said Fathers of the Society of Jesus, of the gifts and great spiritual and temporal assistance which they render to the Indians of this country, and of the great care which they have taken and of the heavy expenses which they have incurred in order to maintain the missions amongst the said Indians, and labour efficiently for their salvation, and particularly with regard to those who were settled at Sillery aforesaid, for whom, since they left that

place, they have bought at their own expense other lands in divers places in this country with the view of establishing them thereon, without which they would have dispersed ;

For these reasons, We have given, granted and conceded to the said Jesuit Fathers as their own property the said fief, land and seigniory of Sillery, of one league in width on the River St. Lawrence, by one league and a half or thereabouts in depth, running as far as the seigniory of St. Gabriel which bounds it in the rear, commencing on the north east side at the Pointe de Puisseaux and on the south west side at a line which divides it from the fief Gaudarville, which lines have been drawn, the one about twenty-five years ago, and the other about forty, with all the rights and privileges formerly granted to the said Indians, to enjoy the whole as a true fief, held only of the King, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), as they now hold all the other lands which His Majesty has been pleased to grant them in this country ;

And we, also, grant, give and concede under the same title of fief and with the same rights and privileges as above specified, the said four perches of land in front by eight in depth conceded by the late M. De Montmagny, and the twenty square toises of augmentation conceded by the late M. Dailleboust, both governors general of this country, to the said late Pachirigny, Indian chief ; the whole to be enjoyed by them as their own property for ever, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, subject to the condition that the appeals from the jurisdiction of Sillery aforesaid shall lie before the lieutenant general of the provostship of Quebec, and that the said Jesuit Fathers shall be bound to have these presents ratified by His Majesty within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this twenty-third day of October, one thousand six hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, and
CHAMPIGNY.

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed, HAUTEVILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

Nº 157.

MESSIRE FR. DE LAVAL.

HECTOR DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Messire François de Laval, King's Councillor, first Bishop of Quebec, and Messieurs the Superiors and Directors of the Seminary of Foreign

Missions established in this city, stating that the said Bishop has the usufruct, and that the said Seminary owns the property, as his donees, of the island called Jesus, including the *Isle aux Vaches* and other adjacent islands, which are held in fief and seigniory, with jurisdiction, and are situate in this colony at the north side of the island of Montreal, the whole made over by way of exchange to the said Bishop of Quebec by Monsieur Berthelot, Councillor and Secretary to the King, under a contract passed before Carnot and his colleague, notaries, at Paris, on the twenty-fourth day of April one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, which said Mr. Berthelot was proprietor thereof as well in virtue of the cession and abandonment of the same which had been made to him by the Reverend Father Dablon, Superior of the Missions of the Society of Jesus in this country, by contract passed before Becquet, notary, at Quebec, on the seventh day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, as in consequence of the concession thereof which had been made to him by Mr. Talon, Intendant in this country, on the twenty-seventh day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-six, since which he has enjoyed the same, having caused considerable buildings and clearings to be made thereon; but as there is no confirmation by His Majesty of the concession which had been made thereof, first by Messieurs of the said Society, and afterwards by Mr. Talon, the said Bishop and the said gentlemen of the Seminary have requested us to make provision in this behalf; considering the said petition, the two deeds of concession and the titles above mentioned, and having a perfect knowledge of the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the said Islands by the said Bishop and the said gentlemen of the Seminary since the twenty-fourth day of April one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, when they were made over to them by the said Mr. Berthelot;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have renewed the concession made by the said Monsieur Talon, in consequence of the want of confirmation thereof by His Majesty, and have, under His Majesty's pleasure, as far as may be necessary, given and conceded unto the said Bishop of Quebec, and the said gentlemen of the Seminary, the said Island of Jesus, the said *Isle aux Vaches* and other adjacent islands: To have and to hold the same unto them, their successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) according to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed therein, and on condition that the appeals shall lie before the Royal Judge at Montreal, and that they shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of October one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine.

N^o 158.

THE SIEUR DE VILLIEU.

HECTOR DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Villieu, captain of a company of the detachment of marines in Acadia, where he is married and settled, that we would grant him

two leagues of land in front, in Acadia aforesaid, to be taken from the Cape nearest to the Bay of Chiepoduy, on the north-east thereof, descending towards the south-west, by two leagues in depth, together with the island called *aux Meules*, with the privilege of hunting and fishing; To have and to hold the same in fief with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*),

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and being desirous of contributing to the settlement of the family of the said Sieur de Villieu, have given, granted and conceded unto the said Sieur de Villieu, the said two leagues of land in front, to be taken from the Cape nearest to the Bay of Chiepoduy, on the north-east side thereof, descending to the south-west, together with the island called *aux Meules*, with the privilege of hunting and fishing; to have and to hold the same in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and to be possessed by him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed therein; on condition also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the said concession; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship building; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein; that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages for the public utility; and that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal, the twenty-first day of August, one thousand seven hundred.

N^o 159.

PIERRE THOMAS TARIEU, SIEUR DE LA PÉRADE.

HECTOR, CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Thomas Tarieu, Sieur de la Pérade, retired lieutenant in the troops of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that we would grant him in fief and seignior the space of land which is situate in rear of the land and seignior of St. Ann, which said space of land contains about two leagues in front between the extended lines of the seigniories of Saint-Charles-des-Roches and Batiscan, by one league and a half in depth, together with the river which runs through the said space of land and the islets which may be found therein, so that the said Sieur de la Pérade may be able to make for himself a settlement and domain, and place settlers thereon, and to be enjoyed and possessed by him in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*); therefore,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Pérade the whole extent of the said space of land as it is hereinabove designated, together with the river which may run through it and the islets which may be found therein; to have and to hold and dispose of the same unto the said Sieur de la Pérade, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said tract of land; under the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said extent of land; moreover that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; and lastly, that he shall be bound to allow the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility: the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the thirtieth day of October, one thousand seven hundred.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By their Lordships' command,
Signed HAUTEVILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

Nº 160.

TO THE SIEUR DE LEPINAY.

HECTOR, CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Lepinay, praying that we may grant him in fief and seignior the small quantity of land which may be found between the land of Jean de Paris and that of the River du Sud near Quebec, which said land ends in a triangle on the River St. Lawrence, and joins at one end the ungranted lands, and at the other by

the apex the said River St. Lawrence, also that the land be bounded at the height of the concession of the said Jean de Paris by a parallel line which shall be drawn north-east and south-west as far as that of the said River du Sud, so that the said Sieur de Lepinay may make a settlement and domain and place settlers thereon ; therefore,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Lepinay the small extent of land which may be found between the seigniory of Jean de Paris and that of the River du Sud near Quebec, which said tract of land ends in a triangle on the River St. Lawrence, and joins at one end the ungranted lands, and at the other by the apex the said River St. Lawrence ; also that the said land shall be bounded at the seigniory of the said Jean de Paris by a parallel line to be drawn north-east and south-west as far as that of the said River du Sud ; To have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the present concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber, fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; that he shall give notice the King or to the Governor and Intendant of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land within one year from the date hereof ; and lastly that he shall leave therein the roadways and passages necessary to the public utility : the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and one.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE,
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By Their Lordships' command,

HAUTEVILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

N^o 161.*Title of the Fief of St. Charles, on the River Ouamaska.*

THE SIEUR THIERSANT.

HECTOR DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur of Champigny, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur René Fezeret, a Burgess of this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant him one league and a half of land in superficies, on the River Ouamaska, including the same, to be taken on the south side of the said river, going towards the south east, joining at one end the concession of the late Sieur de Bourchemin, and at the other end the ungranted lands, together with the adjacent islands, islets, meadows and beaches, in order that the said Sieur Fezeret may form a settlement and place settlers thereon and enjoy the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Fezeret the said one league and a half of land in superficies on the river Ouamaska, including the same, to be taken on the south side of the said river, going towards the south east, joining at one end the concession of the late Sieur de Bourchemin, and at the other end the ungranted lands, together with the adjacent islands, islets, meadows and beaches; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Fezeret, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession; on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that the appeals from the judge who may be established there shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that she shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and that, within one year, he shall commence to clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed thereof; and lastly that he shall leave therein the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal, the fourth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and one.

Signed,

LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 162.

THE URSULINE NUNS OF THREE RIVERS.

HECTOR DE CALLIÈRE, &c., and

JEAN BOCHART DE CHAMPIGNY, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Religious Ursuline Ladies of the town of Three Rivers, praying that we would grant them, under the title of fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the right of hunting and fishing, a certain space of ungranted lands lying and being on lake St. Peter in the river St. Lawrence, on the north side thereof, consisting of about three fourths of a league in front, between the property of the Sieur Joseph Petit, *alias* Bruno, Sieur of Masquinongé, and that of the Sieur Trotier, *alias* de Beaubien, Seigneur of River du Loup, by two leagues in depth;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Religious Ladies the said space of land, of the depth aforesaid, as it is hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto them and their successors in the monastery of the said Ursuline Ladies of Three Rivers, in fee, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting and fishing throughout the whole extent of the said concession; on condition of doing homage by an attorney in their name at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said fief shall be held, saving the rights of *amortissement* and indemnity, for the discharge of which the said Religious Ladies shall apply to His Majesty if such be his pleasure; on condition also that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by the persons to whom they may grant concessions within their manor (*censive*), the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals, which may be found within the said extent; that they shall cause their tenants to reside thereon and clear the lands of the same; and lastly that they shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom the said Religious Ladies shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this thirteenth day of the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and one.

Signed,

LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE.

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And below,

By command of His Lordship,

HAUTEVILLE.

And,

By command of His Lordship,

ANDRÉ.

N^o 163.*Title of the Fief of Bonsecours.*

MR. THIERSANT.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART DE CHAMPIGNY, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Charron, superior of the Hospitaller Brothers established at Montreal, praying that we would grant him one league and a half of land in front by a similar depth, on the River Ouamaska, including the same, to be taken opposite that granted to the Sieur René Fexeret, joining on one side the seigniorship of the Sieur Petit and on the other side a space of ungranted land lying between the present concession and that of the late Sieur de Bourchemin, together with the adjacent islands, islets, meadows and beaches, in order that the said Sieur Charron may form an establishment and place settlers thereon, and enjoy the same himself, his successors and assigns for ever, in fee, as a fief and seigniorship with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ;

To which having regard, we, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Charron the said one league and a half of land in front by a similar depth, as it is herinabove described, together with the adjacent islands, islets, meadows and beaches ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Charron, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniorship, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the same shall be held under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the jurisdiction of Three Rivers ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the Governor of the Country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants thereon ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land within one year, on pain of being dispossessed of the same ; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal, the eighth day of August one thousand seven hundred and two.

Signed,

DE CALLIÈRE,

BOCHART DE CHAMPIGNY.

N^o 164.

TO CLAUDE DE BERMEŃ, SIEUR DE LA MARTINIÈRE.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Claude BermeŃ, Esquire, Sieur de la Martinière, councillor in the supreme council of this country, praying that we would grant him one league of land in front by two leagues in depth in the ungranted lands along the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the boundary of the property of Jean Riou, descending towards Bicq, together with the islands and islets which may be found within and opposite the said extent ; having regard thereto,

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do hereby give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Martinière the said league of land in front by two leagues in depth, in the ungranted lands along the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the boundary of the property of Jean Riou, descending towards Bicq, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within and opposite the said extent ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, subject to the annual payment of five *sols* of rent and six *deniers* of *cens*, each year, on the usual day, to His Majesty's Domain ; the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine et amendes* agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; and on condition that he shall have the said concession ratified by His Majesty within a year and a day from this date.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec the fourteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and two.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE,
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And further down,

By Their Lordships' command,
HAUTEVILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

N^o 165.

JOSEPH AND JEAN MAILLOU, BROTHERS.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Joseph and Jean Maillou, brothers, master masons of the city, praying that we would grant them two leagues of land in front, to be taken from

the River Etchemin, descending to the north east, by two leagues in depth, to commence in rear of the seigniory of Lauzon, going towards the mountains, which said depth shall be terminated by a line parallel to that of the rear of the said seigniory, and at the lower end joining the other concessions throughout the extent of the said two leagues, in order that the said Sieurs Maillou may form a settlement and place settlers thereon, and enjoy the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniory, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said grant; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Maillou the said two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, the whole as it is hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniory, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said grant, on condition of performing fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the same shall be held, subject to the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships: that they shall give notice to the King or to the governor and intendant of this country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon; that they shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land within one year, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that they shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the seventeenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and two.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And lower down,

By 'Their Lordships' command,

HAUTTEVILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

N^o 166.

TO PIERRE JACQUES DE JOIBERT, SEIGNIOR OF SOULANGE.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Pierre Jacques de Joibert, knight, seignior of Soulangue and other places, captain of a company of the detachment of marines in this

country, praying that we would grant him a concession of one half of a neck of land situate at a place called the *Cascades*, containing four leagues in front by one league in depth, in the widest part of the said neck of land, and one half league in the narrowest, to commence at the point of the said *Cascades*, ascending, the said land joining that granted to Monsieur de Vaudreuil, governor of Montreal, together with the island called the Island of the *Cascades*, and the other adjacent islands, islets and beaches, in order that the said *Sieur de Soulange* may form an establishment there and place settlers on it, and enjoy the same himself, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur de Soulange* the said land as it is hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said concession, reserving however six arpents of the ground which will be the most suitable for erecting a fort for the King's service, which said ground may be taken by Monsieur the governor general, without the said *Sieur de Soulange* having any claim to an indemnity, as well as the timber for the building of the said fort and the fire-wood for the use of the garrison ; on condition that he shall render fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the governor and intendant of this country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land within one year, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of October, one thousand seven hundred and two.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, and
BEAUHARNOIS.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,
HAUTEVILLE.

By command of Mylord,
TREHART.

No 167.

TO PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, CHEVALIER DE VAUDREUIL.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in all New-France.

FRANÇOIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Messire Philippe de Rigaut, Chevalier de Vaudreuil, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, Captain of the King's vessels, Governor of Montreal and its dependencies, praying that we would grant him a concession of one half of a neck of land situated at the place called *la Pointe-aux-Tourtres*, containing four leagues of land in front by one league and a half in depth at the widest part of the same, and one half league at the narrowest, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, to commence opposite the said *Isle-aux-Tourtres*, joining a similar concession granted to the Sieur Soulange; in order that the said Sieur de Vaudreuil may form an establishment there and place settlers on it, and enjoy the same himself, his heirs and assigns in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Vaudreuil the said tract of land as it is hereinabove described, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole of the said concession, reserving, however, six arpents of the ground which will be the most suitable for erecting a fort for the King's service, which ground may be taken by Monsieur the Governor General, without the said Sieur de Vaudreuil having any claim to an indemnity, as well as the timber for the building of the said fort and the fire wood for the use of the garrison; subject to the condition that he shall render fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land within one year, on pain of being dispossessed of the same; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of October, one thousand seven hundred and two.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIERE,
BEAUHARNOIS.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

HAUTEVILLE.

By command of Mylord,

TREHART.

N° 168.

17TH OCTOBER 1702.

[Reg. of the Int., Book 5, R. 39.]

Grant in favor of the Sieur Augustin Legardeur, of a certain space of land lying and bieng in the country of the Esquimaux, from the river called Kegaska, going as far as that called Kesasaskiou, between which is the Esquimaux river.

N° 169.

Title of the Sieur Sicard de Caruffel to a tract of land of two leagues in depth, on the River Maskinongé.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, Marquis of Vaudreuil, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, Governor General over the whole of New France ;

FRANÇOIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Knight, Seigneur of La Chaussay, Beaumont and other places, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Jean Sicard de Caruffel, Esquire, Sieur of Caruffel aforesaid, praying that we might be pleased, under the pleasure of His Majesty, to grant him the space of land which still remains ungranted on the River Maskinongé, in lake St. Peter, from the land heretofore conceded to the Sieur Legardeur to the first falls in the said river, containing about two leagues in front by a similar depth, in order that the said sieur Sicard de Caruffel may be enabled to form a settlement therein ; to have and to hold the same by him, his heirs and assigns, as their own for ever, under the title of fief, seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Sicard, Esquire, Sieur of Caruffel, the said space of land as it is herein above described, to have and to hold the same by him, his heirs and assigns, as their own for ever, under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition of rendering fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; of preserving and causing to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; of giving notice to the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land; that the appeals from the judge who may be appointed thereto shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; of causing the said tract of land to be cleared immediately; of keeping and causing to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and lastly, of leaving the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and five.

Signed, VAUDREUIL,
BEAUHARNOIS,

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

DUMONTIER,

And, By command of Mylord,

TREHART.

Signed, BEGON.

N^o 170.

TO MARIE MAGDELEINE MEZERAY, WIDOW OF THE LATE JEAN TOUPIN.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Marie Magdeleine Mezeray, widow of the late Jean Toupin, in his lifetime proprietor of the fief and seignior of Bellair, otherwise called *Pointe-aux-Bois*, praying that we might be pleased to

grant her a concession of one half league of land in front by two leagues in depth, in rear of the said seignior of Bellair, the said front to be taken exactly at the distance of one league from the banks of the River St. Lawrence ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said widow Toupin the said half league of land in front by two leagues in depth, as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto her, her successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, and that of having a common mill (*moulin banal*) ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues according to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that she shall give notice to the King or to the governor of the country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that she shall keep and cause to be kept by her tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; that she shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that she shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the twentieth day of January, 1706.

Signed, DE VAUDREUIL, and
RAUDOT.

And further down,

By their Lordships' command,
DUMONTIER, and
BARRAN.

N^o 171.

TO THE SIEUR AMADOR GODEFROY DE ST. PAUL.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in all New France ;

JACQUES RAUDOT, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said Country.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Amador Godefroy, Esquire, Sieur de St. Paul, praying that we might be pleased to grant him the concession

of a bay and river called Quitzezaqui, otherwise named the Grand River, in the country of the Esquimaux, and five leagues of land in breadth, on each side of the said river, by ten leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said bay and river opposite the same, and that we would give to the said concession the name of St. Paul ;

We, in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de St. Paul has rendered in this country during the late wars, and in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to him the said bay and river and the said five leagues of land in breadth on each side of the said river, by ten leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within the said bay and river, as hereinabove described, to which we give the name of St. Paul ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition of leaving the beach free to all fishermen, except the portion which he may require for his own fishery ; of performing fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; of preserving and causing to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels : of giving notice the King or to the Governor of the country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said extent ; of keeping and causing to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; of clearing and causing to be cleared the said tract of land immediately after the present war ; and lastly of leaving the roadways and passages necessary to the public use ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and six.

Signed, VAUDREUIL,
RAUDOT.

By Mylord's command,

DUMONTIER.

By Mylord's command,

BURREIMY.

N° 172.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the *Sieur Dejordy*, captain of a company of the detachment of marines kept up in this country, praying that whereas in the title of concession dated the twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, granted by *Mr. Talon*, heretofore Intendant in this country, to the *Sieur Fortel*, to whose rights the said *Sieur Dejordy* has succeeded, of the islands contained in a plan which the said *Sieur Dejordy* has exhibited to us, and which are marked A thereon, no mention is made of any right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said islands, we may be pleased to grant him the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent thereof, in conformity with the concessions made to the other seigniors of this country ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the great services which the said *Sieur Dejordy* has rendered to the King in this country during the late wars, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Dejordy* the right of hunting and fishing throughout the whole extent of the said islands contained in the said plan and marked A thereon, to have and enjoy the same, unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, as he may think fit, and subjet to the other clauses and conditions set forth in the said title of concession dated the twenty-ninth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-two ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents ratified within one year from this date.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Montreal, the twenty-seventh day of July, one thousand seven hundred and six.

Signed,

VAUDREUIL,

RAUDOT,

By command of Mylords,

DUMONTIER, BARONÉ.

N^o 173.

GRANT MADE TO M. DE RAMEZAY OF 2 LEAGUES OF LAND IN FRONT BY 4 LEAGUES
IN DEPTH, DATED THE 24TH MARCH 1713.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c. ;

MICHEL BEGON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by M. de Ramezay, Governor of Montreal, praying that we would grant him, on the River Hiamaska, two leagues of land in front by four leagues in depth or thereabouts, to be taken from the seigniory of Bourchemin, gowing towards the south-west along the said river for the depth, and for the front on the south-east side towards the ungranted lands, and on the north-west side towards the boundaries of the seigniory of St. Ours and of that of Contrecoeur, as far as the said two leagues in front and the said depth may extend, on condition that he shall cause the lands of the said concession to be settled by inhabitants and saw mills to be erected thereon ; having regard to the said petition and to the services which the said Sieur de Ramezay has rendered to His Majesty in this country,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Ramezay the said two leagues of land or thereabouts in front by four leagues in depth as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the rights of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians for the produce of the said lands throughout the whole extent of the said concession, on condition of rendering fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and of paying each and every year, on the usual day, three deniers of cens to His Majesty's domain, the said cens bearing lods et ventes, saisine et amende, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; of preserving and causing to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; giving notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that immediately after the present war he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use : and also on condition that should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said lands to build and erect fortifications thereon, His Majesty shall not be held to pay any indemnity to the proprietors of the same ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year ; and that after he shall have obtained the said confirmation, in default on the part of the said Sieur de Ramezay of

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keeping and causing to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, the same shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and thirteen.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
BEGON.

A true copy,
BEGON.

N^o 174.

CONCESSION IN FAVOR OF MR. DE LONGUEUIL.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

MICHEL BEGON, &c.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Longueuil, King's lieutenant in the Government of Montreal, praying that we would grant him, along the river Richelieu, one league of land in front by one league and a half in depth, in the ungranted lands, to be taken from the seignior of Belleuil, which he owns, going towards the south-west, in rear of the seignior of Chambly for the front, and for the depth in the interior of the lands going towards the north west; having regard to the said petition and to the services which the said Sieur de Longueuil has rendered to His Majesty in this country,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Longueuil the said league of land in front by one league and a half in depth, as hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, in fee, for ever, as a fief, &c., under the same conditions as the grant made to Mr. de Pamezay.

Done at Quebec, the 24th March, 1713.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
BEGON.

True copy,
BEGON.

No 175.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, Marquis of Vaudreuil, Commander of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General over the whole of New France;

MICHEL BEGON, Knight, Seigneur of la Picardière, Murbelin and other places, Councillor to the King in his Councils and in the Parliament of Metz, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France.

On the petition presented to us by Charles Couillard, Sieur de Beaumont, the son, setting forth that the Sieur de Beaumont, his father, has not only settled the seignior of Beaumont, containing one league and a half in front by one league and a half in depth, situated between the seignior of la Durantaye and that of the heirs of the Sieur Bissot, on the south shore, granted to him, and whereof he has been in possession upwards of forty years, but that he has extended his settlement in rear about one league and a half beyond the said concession, on which extent not conceded to him he has spent large sums, and conceded several lands, believing that the whole of that depth belonged to him, and having become aware of the contrary only two or three years since, when he received the titles of the concession made to him of the said seignior, and as it is but just that the said Sieur de Beaumont, the father, or his family should profit by the said space of land in preference to any other person, on account of the considerable expense which he has incurred in order to settle it, and of his being in possession thereof; the said Sieur de Beaumont, the son, prays us to grant him the said tract of land, containing one league and a half in depth by the same front as the said seignior; to have and to hold the same unto him, in conformity to the intention of the Sieur de Beaumont, his father, with the same rights, honors and prerogatives as those granted to the said seignior of Beaumont; taking the premises into consideration;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Beaumont, the son, the said unconceded space of land, containing one league and a half in depth by the same front and width as the said seignior of Beaumont, between the seignior of la Durantaye and that belonging to the heirs of the Sieur Bissot; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Beaumont, the son, and his successors and assigns, in full property, for ever, in fief and all rights of seignior and jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Beaumont, the son, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country; and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established for the said place shall lie before the judges of the provostship of this city; subject also to the condition of keeping and causing to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior; that the said Sieur de Beaumont, the son, shall preserve within the limits of the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor, the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, and that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber within the limits of the private concessions granted or to be granted to his tenants, which said oak timber His Majesty will be free to take, as well as the said land or any part thereof, when required, without being bound to any

indemnity; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said fief; and that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages; that he shall concede the said lands for a mere rent (*redemance*) of twenty *sol's* and a capon (*chapon*) for each arpent in front by forty in depth, and six *deniers* of *cens*, without power to insert in the said concessions either any sum of money or any other charge than that of the mere title of rent, and those hereabove mentioned, agreeably to the intentions of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date, in default whereof the said concession shall be null and void.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirteen.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
BEGON.

And lower down,

By Myord's command, DUMONTIER.

And,

By Mylord's command, JAMAIN.

Signed, BEGON.

Nº 176.

Titles of the Fief called heretofore Les Mille Isles (the Thousand Islands) and now Petit and Langloiserie.

THE WIDOWS PETIT AND LANGLOISERIE.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, Marquis of Vaudreuil, Commander of the military order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King over the whole of New France;

MICHEL BEGON, Knight, Seigneur of la Picardière, &c., Intendant over the whole of New France.

On this petition presented to us by the Sieur Gaspard Piot, Esquire, Sieur de Langloiserie, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, King's Lieutenant for the government of

the city of Quebec, and by the *Sieur Petit* treasurer of the navy in this country, setting forth that by our ordinance of the first of March one thousand seven hundred and fourteen, we have reunited to His Majesty's domain a concession made by Messrs. de la Barre and Desmenilles on the twenty-fourth September one thousand six hundred and eighty-three, to the late *Sieur Duguay*, in his lifetime captain of a company of the detachment of marines kept in this country by His Majesty, of a space of land which is to commence running from the end of the concession made to the *Sieur Daulier des Landes*, on the River Jesus, extending three leagues up the river, by three leagues in depth, with the islands, islets and shoals which may be found opposite the said front of three leagues, and most humbly praying us to grant them the said concession, to enjoy the same in conformity with the title which was held by the said *Sieur Duguay*, and moreover to grant them as an augmentation the lands which extend from the said concession to the River du Chesne, the same included, making about one league and a half in front, by a similar depth of three leagues, the said league and half to be joined to the said concession, and both to form but one ;

Considering the said petition and our ordinance of the first of March inst. We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit* the tract of land hereinabove specified, with the islands, islets and shoals which may be found opposite the said four leagues and a half of land in front, as far as the River du Chesne, the same included, by the said three leagues in depth ; to have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit*, their heirs and assigns for ever, in full property, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the same, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said *Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit*, their heirs and assigns, shall be held to render at the Castle of St. Lewis in this City, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and also that they shall cause their tenants to preserve the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels ; that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said extent of land ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established there shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that they shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared ; that they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; and lastly that they shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public utility ; and also, in case His Majesty should hereafter require the said lands to build and erect fortifications thereon, he shall not be held to pay any indemnity to the proprietors of the same ; that they shall concede the said lands simply under the title of a rent (*redevance*) of twenty *sols* and one capon (*chapon*) for each arpent of land in front by thirty arpents in depth, and six *deniers* of *cens*, without having the power to insert in the said concessions any sums of money or any other charge than that of the simple title of rent and those above mentioned, agreeably to the intentions of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date, in default whereof the said concession shall be null and void.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done in duplicate and given at Quebec, this fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and fourteen.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
BEGON.

And lower down,

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed, BARBEL, and
DUMONTIER.

N^o 177.

MESSRS. OF THE SEMINARY OF SAINT SULPICE, AT MONTREAL.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

MICHEL BEGON, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Messieurs the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice established at Montreal, by which they state that it would be advantageous to the mission of the Indians of the Sault au Récollet in the Island of Montreal, which is under their care, that it should be immediately transferred above the said island and established on the lands which are situated on the north west side of the lake of Two-Mountains, which said mission would be advantageous not only for the conversion of the Indians, who being there more distant from the city, would also be deprived of the opportunity of getting intoxicated, but also to the colony which by those means would be protected against the incursions of the Iroquois in times of war; praying us that we would grant them for the said mission a tract of land of three leagues and a half in front, to commence at the brook which runs into the great bay of the Lake of Two Mountains, ascending along the said lake and the River St. Lawrence, by three leagues in depth, in fief and seigniory, together with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the privilege of hunting and fishing as well within the limits of the said land as on the said lake and the said river St. Lawrence, on condition that they shall, as they offer to do, bear the whole expense of removing the mission, and that they shall cause the church and fort to be built of stone on the place where the said mission shall be transferred; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, established at Montreal, a tract of land of three leagues and a half in front to commence at the brook which runs into the great bay of the Lake of Two Mountains, ascending along the said lake and the River St. Lawrence, by three leagues in depth, to have and to hold the same for ever unto the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics, their successors and assigns, even should the said mission be taken away from thence, in full

property, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and the privilege of hunting and fishing as well within as opposite the said concession on the said lake and river St. Lawrence, on condition that they shall bear the whole expense necessary for removing the said mission, and also cause a church and fort to be built there of stone, at their own cost, for the security of the Indians, according to the plans thereof which shall immediately be exhibited to us by them, to be by us approved, and that the said buildings shall be finished within the space of two years, subject also to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieurs of the Seminary, their successors and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary duties and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris followed in this country, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the judges of the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that they shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession; that they shall preserve the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found within the limits of the land which the said Sieurs of the Seminary shall have set aside for their principal manor house, and that they shall also stipulate the reserve of such oak timber within the extent of the private concessions made or to be made to their tenants, which said oak timber His Majesty shall be free to take, as well as the said tract of land or any portion thereof, when required, without being held to pay any indemnity; also that they shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country, of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the limits of the said fief, and leave the necessary roadways and passages; that they shall concede the said lands under the simple title of a rent (*redevance*) of twenty *sols* and a capon (*chapon*) for each and every arpent of land in front by forty arpents in depth, and six *deniers* of *cens*, and that there shall not be inserted in the said concessions any sums of money or any other charge than that of the simple title of rent (*redevance*) according to the intentions of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date, in default whereof the present concession shall be null and void.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the seventeenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen.

Signed,

VAUDREUIL, and

BEGON.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

DE LESTAGE.

And, By command of Mylord,

BARBEL.

TITLES OF CONCESSIONS IN FIEF, ETC., EXTRACTED FROM THE
REGISTER OF INTENDANCE, N° 7, 8, 9.

N° 178.

15th October 1731.—*Grant made to M. Dosquet, Bishop of Samos, Coadjutor of Quebec, on the River Yamaska.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France ;

GILLES HOCQUART, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France.

On the petition presented to us by Monsieur Pierre Herman Dosquet, Bishop of Samos and Coadjutor of Quebec, praying that we might be pleased to grant him a concession of four leagues of land in front by four leagues in depth on each side of the River Yamaska, including the said river, in the ungranted lands above the seigniority granted in the year 1710 to Mr. de Ramesay, confirmed by His Majesty's patent dated the 6th July 1711, together with the lakes, islands, islets, rivers and meadows which may be found within the said extent, to enjoy and possess the same, himself and his assigns, in fief and seigniority, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said lands ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Dosquet the said four leagues of land in front on each side of the said river, as hereinabove described, to be taken in the ungranted lands adjoining and above the concession granted in the year 1710 to the said Sieur de Ramesay, together with the islands, islets, lakes, rivers and meadows which may be found therein ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Dosquet and his assigns, for ever, in full property, as a fief and seigniority, with the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants

the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King, or to us and our successors, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said concession ; that he shall within a year and a day keep and cause to be kept by his grantees house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the same ; that he shall allow and cause to be allowed the King's highways and others judged necessary for the public use on the said concession ; and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he shall make to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty from whom the said Sieur Dosquet shall be held to take a patent of confirmation of these presents within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the fifteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

Nº 179.

29th October 1732.—*Concession to the Sieurs de Cavagnial and Rigaud, brothers, of three leagues of land in front by three in depth, joining the Seignior of Long Sault.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Commander of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France and the Province of Louisiana ;

GILLES HOCQUART, Knight, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the same Country.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Rigaud, esquire, seignior of Cavagnial, major of the companies of troops of the detachment of marines in this country, and Pierre François Rigaud, captain of one of the said companies, praying that we would grant them a tract of land along the river called the Grand River, going towards the Long Sault, consisting of three leagues in front by three leagues in depth, in fief and seignior, under the name of Rigaud, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said seignior, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, the said tract of land joining the seignior which has fallen to them by succession from the

late Mr. le Marquis de Vaudreuil, their father, governor and lieutenant general for the King in this country, lying and being at the place called the *Pointe aux Tourtres*, and containing four leagues in front according to the concession made to the said Sieur de Vaudreuil by the late Mr. le Chevalier de Callière and Mr. de Beauharnois, then governor and lieutenant general and intendant in this country, bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1702, and confirmed by a patent of His Majesty dated the 5th May, 1716; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieurs de Cavagnial and Rigaud the said extent of three leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, under the name of Rigaud, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that they shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said grant; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, in default whereof the present concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that they shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land immediately; that they shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roads necessary for the public use, and that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they may make to their tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; that they shall allow the beach to be free to all fishermen with the exception of such portion as they may require for their own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and the fire-wood for the use of the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-two.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 180.

Dated the 31st December 1732.—Grant to the Sieur Lestage of three leagues of land in front by three in depth, in rear of Berthier and of the fiefs of Dorvilliers and Le Chicot.

CHARLES MARQUIS OF BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur René Lestage, merchant at Montreal, stating that having acquired from the Sieur and Dame de Rigauville the fief, land and seigniory of Berthier, situate on the main land, on the north shore of the river St. Lawrence, together with the islands and islets depending thereon, with the view of making a considerable establishment of the same and of improving with all his power that portion of the colony, in order to obtain which end he has caused a number of arpents of land to be cleared thereon, and a stone church to be built, and a saw mill to be erected at great expense in the rear of the said fief, in the only suitable place as well on account of its situation as by reason of its being close to the timber fit for sawing; that in the year 1724 his progress was stopped by the fire which then raged in the woods and destroyed his said mill together with 1200 feet of saw logs which had been brought on the spot, and 2400 deals and boards at that time sawed; that this accident has not diminished his zeal for the improvement and cultivation of the said lands, but on the contrary, in order to give the example, and facilitate and more readily procure good settlements to the inhabitants, he has caused a grist mill to be built in the said rear and the said saw mill to be rebuilt, in order to carry out His Majesty's intentions for the improvement and extension of the colony; in consideration of which expences, he prays us to grant and concede to him three leagues of land in front, if such quantity be found between the line which separates the fief Dautré from that heretofore called De Comporté and now named Dorvilliers, and that which separates the fief of Le Chicot from the fief of Maskinongé, the said front to be taken at the end of the depth and limits of the said fiefs of Dorvilliers and Le Chicot between which the said fief of Berthier is situated, containing two leagues in front, the said augmentation to have such depth as we may be pleased to fix, together with the rivers, brooks and lakes which may be found within the said extent of land; the said augmentation to be united and joined to the said fief of Berthier and both to form only one and the same seigniory, with the right, for the said augmentation, of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the same, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) to be performed and rendered at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues as he now enjoys the said fief of Berthier; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Lestage three leagues of land in front if such quantity be found between the line which separates the fief Dautré from the one heretofore called De Comporté and now named Dorvilliers, and that which separates the fief of Le Chicot from that of Maskinongé; the said front to be taken at the end of the depth and limits of the said fiefs of Dorvilliers and Le Chicot, between which the said fief of

Berthier is situated, by three leagues in depth, together with the rivers, brooks and lakes which may be found within the said extent of land, the said augmentation to be united and joined to the said fief of Berthier and both to form only one and the same seigniory; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Lestage, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, as the said Sieur Lestage enjoys the said fief of Berthier; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's vessels; that she shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and shall cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default of which it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said land; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and others which may be judged necessary for the public use, and shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary dues and *cens et rentes* for each arpent in frot by forty in depth, and should hereafter His Majesty require any portion of the said lands to built forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking them, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrison of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within a year and a day.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the thirty-first day of December, one thousand six hundred and thirty-two.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 181.

The first day of April 1733.—Concession to the Sieur Sabrevois de Bleury, of 3 leagues in front by 3 in depth on the River Chambly.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Commander of the military order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France and the province of Louisiana ;

GILLES HOCQUART, Knight, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France and the province of Louisiana.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Sabrevois de Bleury, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of three leagues in front on the River Chambly by three leagues in depth, the said three leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seignior of the Sieur Hertel, ascending towards Lake Champlain, the whole in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the limits of the said tract of land ; taking the said petition into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Sabrevois de Bleury the said extent of three leagues of land in front by three in depth as hereinabove described, which said extent shall be bounded on the north side by the seignior of the Sieur Hertel, and on the same line, on the south side, at three leagues from the said seignior, by a line drawn east and west, in front by the River Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default of which it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said land ; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roads which shall be judged necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for every arpent of land in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said lands to built forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public

works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

'True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 182.

2nd April 1733—Concession to the Sieur Chavoy de Noyan, of 2 leagues in front by 3 in depth, along the River Chambly.

CHARLES MARQUIS OF BEAUHARNOIS, Commander of the Military Order of St. Louis, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Chavoy de Noyan, captain of a company of the detachment of marines kept in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front on the River Chambly, by three leagues in depth, to be taken from the little River du Sud, including the same, ascending towards Lake Champlain, together with the Isle-aux-Testes and other islands, islets and beaches, which may be found opposite the front of the said land ; the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said land ; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Chavoy de Noyan the said extent of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth as hereinabove described ; which said extent shall be bounded on the north side at one fourth of a league to the north of the little River du Sud, on the south side ascending one league and three fourths from the River du Sud, so that the front shall be of two leagues on the River Chambly by three leagues in depth, joining the ungranted lands, running east and west, together with the Isle-aux-Testes, being in the said River Chambly, and the islands and islets which may be found opposite the front of the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the

Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition, etc., as mentioned in the preceding concession made to the Sieur de Bleury.

Given at Quebec, the second day of April one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 183.

3rd April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur Foucault of two leagues on the River Chambly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Foucault, keeper of the King's stores at Quebec, praying that we would grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front on the river Chambly, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori recently conceded to the Sieur de Noyan and on the same line, ascending along the said river Chambly, by the depth which may be found as far as the bay of Missiskouy, the whole in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Foucault the said extent of two leagues of land in front by the depth prayed for, as hereinabove described, which said extent shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniori recently granted to the said Sieur de Noyan and on the same line, and on the south side by a parallel line drawn east and west, in front by the river Chambly and in depth by the bay of Missiskouy; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, &c., as set forth in the title of the concession granted to the Sieur de Bleury, &c.

Given at Quebec, the third day of April, one thousand six hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 184.—1^o

4th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur de Sabrevois, lieutenant, of two leagues in front by three in depth, along the River Chambly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Sabrevois, lieutenant in the troops of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that we would grant him a tract of land of about two leagues in front on the river Chambly, by three leagues in depth, the said two leagues in front to be taken between the boundaries of the seigniories lately conceded to the Sieur Sabrevois de Bleury and to the Sieur de Noyan, the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Sabrevois the said extent of two leagues of land in front, if such a quantity be found there, by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent shall be bounded on the north and south sides by two lines running east and west, in front by the river Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the condition, &c., as set forth in the grant made to the said Sieur de Bleury.

Given at Quebec, the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 184.—2^o

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIERE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Considering the petition presented to us by M. de Sabrevois, a captain of infantry, stating that a seignior of two leagues of land in front on the River Chambly above the rapid of St. John, by three leagues in depth, was granted to him, according to the title deed which was issued to him on the fourth day of April 1733; that he has learned that the said

seigniory has been reunited to His Majesty's domain in virtue of an ordinance dated the 10th May 1741, and that he has already commenced the presents thereon which he will continue if it be our pleasure to grant him a new title deed for the same, to which having regard and seeing the ordinance of the 10th May 1741,

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede *de novo* unto the said Sieur de Sabrevois de Bleury the said extent of two leagues or thereabouts in front by three leagues in depth, which shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniory conceded to the Sieur Sabrevois de Bleury on the 30th October last, and on the south side, at two leagues or thereabouts from the said seigniory, by a line drawn east and west, joining the unconceded lands, in front by the River Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining also the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Sabrevois, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the condition, &c. (The remainder as in the concession made to M. Daine.)

Done and given at Quebec, the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 185.

5th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur Daine of one league and a half in front, on the Bay of Missiskouy, in lake Champlain, by three leagues in depth.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Daine, chief clerk of the supreme council of this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of one league and a half in front on the Bay of Missiskouy, in Lake Champlain, by three leagues in depth, bounded on one side by the mouth of Pike River (*Rivière du Brochet*), running towards the line which bounds the depth of the seigniory lately conceded to the Sieur de Noyan, on the other side at the distance of one league and a half from the said mouth, towards the east, by a line drawn north east and south west, in front by the said bay, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands, together with the privilege of hunting,

fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land, and the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) ; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Daine* the said extent of land of one league and a half in front by three leagues in depth as hereinabove described and bounded ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, under the name of *Boisfranc*, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, &c., as set forth in the concession made to the *Sieur de Bleury*.

Given at Quebec, this fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

A true copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 186.

6th April 1733.—*Concession to the *Sieur de Lusignan* on the Bay of Missiskouy, in Lake Champlain, of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the *Sieur de Lusignan*, an officer of the troops of the detachment of marines kept in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of about two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the Bay of Missiskouy, in Lake Champlain, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seignior lately conceded to the *Sieur Daine*, chief clerk, running as far as one fourth of a league above the mouth of the *River-du-Rocher*, in the direction of the lake, the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur de Lusignan* the said extent of land of two leagues or thereabouts in front by three leagues in depth as hereinabove

described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by the boundary of the seigniory lately granted to the Sieur Daine, which is a line drawn north-east and south-west, and on the south side by a line drawn east and west, at one fourth of a league from the mouth of the River de Rocher, as aforesaid, in front by the Bay of Missiskouy, in Lake Champlain, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition, etc., as in the concession made to the Sieur de Bleury.

Given at Quebec, the sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 187.

6th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry, of two leagues in front along the River Chambly, by three in depth.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry, the King's chief engineer for the fortresses of New France, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front along the River Chambly, by three leagues in depth, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniory of the Sieur de Longueuil which runs to the north-west, ascending towards Lake Champlain; the whole in fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Chaussegros de Léry the said tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth as hereinabove described, which said extent shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniory of the Sieur de Longueuil, and by the same line, on the south side, at a distance of two leagues from the said seigniory, by a line drawn east and west, in front by the River Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the unconceded lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty

and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, etc. (The remainder as in the preceding grants).

Given at Quebec, the sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 188.

5th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur de Lafontaine de Bellecourt, of a league and a quarter in front on the River Chambly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Lafontaine de Bellecourt, praying that we may be pleased to grant him a tract of land of a league and a quarter in front on the River Chambly, to be taken from the boundary of the seigniorly lately granted to the Sieur Foucault and on the same line, ascending along the said River Chambly, by the depth which may be found going as far as the Bay of Missiskouy, the whole under the title of fief and seigniorly, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said land ; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly conferred on us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto to the said Sieur de Lafontaine de Bellecourt the said extent of a league and a quarter in front on the depth prayed for, as hereinabove described, which extent shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniorly lately granted to the said Sieur Foucault, and on the same line, and on the south side, at a league and a quarter from the said line, by a parallel line running east and west, in front by the River Chambly, and in rear by the Bay of Missiskouy ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, as a fief and seigniorly, under the name of Bellecourt, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout whole extent of the said concession ; on condition, &c. (The remainder as in the preceding concessions).

Done at Quebec, the 5th April 1733.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 189.

8th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur Denis de la Ronde, captain, of 2 leagues in front by 3 leagues in depth, on the River Chambly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Denis de la Ronde, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, captain of a free company of marines kept in this country for the King's service, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues on the river Chambly, by three leagues in depth, together with the small island which is situate above the *Isle aux Testes*, the said two leagues of land to be taken from the boundary of the seigniory lately granted to the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry, ascending towards Lake Champlain, in which said tract of land is the river called *à la Colle*, the whole in fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Ronde the said extent of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniory lately granted to the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry and on the same line, and on the south side by a line drawn east and west, in front by the river Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands, and moreover the small island which is above the *Iale aux Testes*; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, &c. (The remainder the same as in the preceding concessions.)

Given at Quebec, the height day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 190.—1^o

9th April 1733—*Concession to the Sieur de Beaujeu of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the River Chambly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Beaujeu, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, captain of one of the free companies of marines kept in this country for the King's service, praying that we would grant him an extent of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the river Chambly, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori lately granted to the Sieur Denis de la Ronde, ascending towards Lake Champlain, the whole in fief and seigniori, together with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Beaujeu the said extent of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniori lately granted to the said Sieur de la Ronde and on the same line, and on the south side by a line running from east to west, in front by the river Chambly, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniori with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to, &c. (The remainder as in the preceding grants.)

Given at Quebec, the ninth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N° 190 2°.

6th March 1752.—To Mr. de Beaujeu, of 2 leagues in front by 3 leagues in depth, lying and being on Lake Champlain.

THE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Taking into consideration the petition presented to us by Mr. de Beaujeu, captain of a company in this country, stating that a concession on Lake Champlain of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth had been granted in fief and seigniority to the late Mr. de Beaujeu, his father, on the 9th April 1733, ratified by His Majesty on the 8th April 1735, and reunited to His Majesty's domain by an ordinance of Messieurs the Marquis de Beauharnois and Hocquart, heretofore governor-general and intendant in this country, dated the 10th May 1741, which concession joins on the north east side the concession granted on the 22nd March 1743 to the petitioner; and that, as, before and after the war, he has expended considerable sums of money for the settlement of his said concession, on which there actually are inhabitants whom he has just furnished with oxen, cows, ploughs and other utensils of agriculture, and as he takes every day new steps for the improvement of his settlement, he prays us to grant him a title to the concession of two leagues of land in front heretofore granted to his late father, so that it may form only one and the same seigniority with the two leagues granted to him on the said 22nd day of March 1743;

We, having regard to the said petition, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Beaujeu the said two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth hereinabove designated and heretofore granted to the late Mr. de Beaujeu, his father, which said seigniority will form only one and the same seigniority with the concession granted to the said Sieur de Beaujeu on the twenty-second day of March 1743; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said concession; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place, shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) therein and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and of no avail; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roads judged necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he shall grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cons et rentes* and dues, for each arpent of land in front by forty arpents in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of

the portion which he shall require for his fishery ; and should His Majesty require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and fire wood for the garrisons of the forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; reserving also, in His Majesty's name, the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber which shall be fit for the building and fitting out of His Majesty's ships, equally without being bound to any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony, &c.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed, at Quebec, the 6th March 1752.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 191.

10th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur Péan, of two leagues and a half in front by three leagues in depth, along the River Chambly and Lake Champlain.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Hugues Jacques Péan, Esquire, Sieur de Livaudière, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, captain of one of the free companies of marines kept in this Country by His Majesty, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues or two leagues and a half in front by three leagues in depth along the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, including the River Chazy, the front of the said tract of land to be taken from the boundary of the seigniorly lately conceded to the Sieur Beaujeu, going as far as one league above the mouth of the River Chazy, on the south side, together with the part of the River Chazy which will be found within the extent of the said tract of land, which shall be bounded by a line running north and south through the mouth of the said River Chazy, by three leagues in depth, and moreover all the land which may be found beyond the said line on the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, together with the Isle-à-la-Motte, situate opposite in the said lake, the whole in fief and seigniorly with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Péan the said extent of land as hereinabove described, and which shall be bounded on the north and south sides by two lines drawn east and west, in front by the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, and

in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the unconceded lands, by a line drawn north and south, parallel to that which shall run through the mouth of the River Chazy, together with the Isle-a-la-Motte, situate opposite the said tract of land in Lake Champlain; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance, etc. (The remainder as in the preceding concessions).

Given at Quebec, the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 192.—1^o

11th April 1733—*Concession to the Sieur Delagauchetière, captain, of 2 leagues in front by three in depth, on Lake Champlain.*

CHARLES MARQUIS OF BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Migeon Delagauchetière, captain of one of the free companies of marines kept for the King's service in this country, praying that we would grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on Lake Champlain, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniority lately granted to the Sieur Péan, also captain, the whole in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Delagauchetière the said extent of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by a line running east and west, which shall be the common boundary between the Sieur Péan and the said Sieur Migeon Delagauchetière, and also at a distance of two leagues from the said line by a parallel line drawn east and west, in front by lake Champlain and in rear at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, &c. (The remainder as in the preceding concessions.)

Given at Quebec, the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 192.—2^o

The 15th January, 1744.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Guillaume Estébe, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, stating that being desirous of establishing, as early as next spring, a seigniory on lake Champlain, he prays that we would grant him the one heretofore granted to Mr. Delagauchetière, captain of infantry, containing two leagues in front by three in depth, bounded on one side by the seigniory heretofore granted to Mr. Péan, and on the other side by that also heretofore granted to the Sieur de St. Vincent, the son, which seigniory has been reunited to His Majesty's domain in virtue of our ordinance of the tenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and forty one, the whole in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said concession; having regard thereto,

We, in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Estébe the said extent of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by a line drawn east and west, joining the seigniory heretofore granted to the said Sieur Péan, and on the south side by the concession heretofore granted to the Sieur de St. Vincent, the son, in front by lake Champlain, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands, which seigniory has been reunited to the King's domain in virtue of our ordinance dated the tenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, in execution of the decree of the King's council of state, dated the sixth July, one thousand seven hundred and eleven; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Estébe, his heirs and assigns, for ever, &c. (The remainder as in the grant made to the Sieur Beaujeu.)

Done at Quebec, the fifteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and forty-four.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

12th April 1733.—*Concession to the Sieur de St. Vincent, the son, ensign, of two leagues in front by three in depth, on Lake Champlain.*

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de St. Vincent, the son, ensign in the troops of the detachment of marines kept for the King's service in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on lake Champlain, the said two leagues of land to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori lately granted to the Sieur Delagauchetière, ascending along lake Champlain, the whole in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de St. Vincent, the son, the extent of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by the seigniori lately granted to the Sieur Delagauchetière and on the same line, and on the south side, at a distance of two leagues from the said line, by a parallel line drawn east and west, in front by lake Champlain, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to us and to our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default of which it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, and shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth ; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of that which he may require for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twelfth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 194.

26th September 1733.—*Concession to Messrs. the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Paris, of two leagues on the Lake of Two Mountains.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Normand, priest, superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, established at Montreal, praying that we would be pleased to grant to Messrs. the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Paris an extent of ungranted land bounded on one side by the seigniorship belonging to the representatives of the late Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit, conceded to them by Messrs. the Marquis de Vaudreuil and Begon, governor general and intendant in this country, by deed of concession dated the 5th day of March 1714, on the other side by the seigniorship of the Lake of Two Mountains belonging to the said Seminary, and in the front, extending about two leagues, by the Lake of Two Mountains, the said tract of land forming a nearly equilateral triangle, together with the ungranted islands and islets and the beaches adjoining the said tract of land; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieurs of the Seminary, their successors or assigns, henceforth, as a fief and seigniorship, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said extent of land; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which it shall be held under the customary rights and dues; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Paris the above ungranted tract of land included between the line of the seigniorship belonging to the representatives of the late Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit and that of the seigniorship of the Lake of Two Mountains belonging to the said Seminary, on a front of about two leagues on the Lake of Two Mountains, the said tract of land terminating in an angle formed by the above mentioned two lines, the direction of which has been settled, to wit: that of the seigniorship of the Lake of Two Mountains south $\frac{1}{4}$ S. W. and N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. E. by the decision of the supreme council dated the fifth October 1722, and that of the said Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit, south east and north west, which

is the direction settled for all the seignories situate on the River St. Lawrence by a regulation of the said council dated the 26th May 1676, article 28.... together with the ungranted islands, islets and beaches adjacent to the said extent of land : to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieurs of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, their successors and assigns henceforth for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; and also that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels ; that they shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that within a year and a day they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that they shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that they shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they shall grant to their tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that they shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which they may require for their own fishery ; and that should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 195.

21st April 1734.—*Concession to the Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil.*

Concession in favor of the Sieur Joseph Lemoine, Chevalier de Longueuil, captain of infantry in the detachment of marines in this country, of the extent of land which may be

found on the bank of the River St. Lawrence, at the place called the Cascades, from the boundary of the seignior of Soulanges going as far as the Pointe au Baudet, inclusively, making about two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, together with the adjacent islands, islets and shoals, in fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the said concession, subject to the condition, &c., as usual.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy.

Nº 196.

21st April 1734.—*Concession the Sieur de la Valterie, the oldest son.*

Concession in favor of the Sieur de Marganne, Esquire, Sieur de la Valterie, eldest son, of one league and a half in front by two leagues in depth, the said front to be taken at the end of the depth and limits of the league and a half in depth of the fief de la Valterie, the said prolongation in depth to be united and joined to the said fief de la Valterie, and both to make together but one and the same seignior, which by these means shall be one league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the condition, &c., as more fully set forth in the title deed which is similar to the other concessions.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF INTENDANCE.

CONCESSIONS UNDER THE TITLE OF CENS ET RENTES.

N^o 197.

16th June 1734.—*Concession to one Chauvin.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

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On the representations made by the inhabitants of Fort Pontchartrain, at the straits of Lake Erié, to Messrs. de Boishebert, captain of a company of the detachment of marines, heretofore commanding at the said Fort Pontchartrain, and Péan, Knight of the Military Order of St. Louis, major of the town and government of Quebec, at present commanding at the said fort, and which they have reported to us, stating that until this time they had not dared to commence clearing and settling on the lands at the said place, because they had no titles to guarantee them the possession of the same; that if it were our pleasure to grant them title-deeds, they would not only be enabled to work without running the risk of being troubled, but also that their labor would be considerably advantageous by procuring at the said place an abundance of food, which would serve to furnish an easy subsistence, as well to the garrison as to the inhabitants and travellers; in consideration thereof, and seeing the letters patent of His Majesty, given at Paris in the month of April 1716, registered in the Supreme Council the first day of December following, and the order of the King's Council of State of the 19th day of May 1722,

We, in His Majesty's name, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede, under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth for ever, unto — Chauvin, an inhabitant of Fort Pontchartrain of the Straits (Détróit), residing therein, for him, his heirs and assigns henceforth, a tract of land situate on the Straits of Lake Erié, containing two arpents in front by forty arpents in depth, joining on one side towards the east-north-east the land of one Susart de Lorme, who acquired it from the Sieur Delamothe Cadillac, by deed of the 10th March 1707, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, and on the other side towards the west-south-west by the ungranted lands, in front by the Straits of Lake Erié, and in rear by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the unconceded lands; to have and to hold and dispose

of the same unto the said Chauvin, his heirs and assigns, subject to the charges, clauses and conditions hereinafter mentioned, to wit: that the said Sieur Chauvin and his assigns shall be held to bring their grain to be ground at the *banal* mill when one shall have been built, on pain of the said grain being confiscated and of a discretionary fine; that he shall within a year from this date at the latest keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*); that he shall open the clearings of the neighbours as they shall require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, and allow therein the roads which may be judged necessary for the public use; that he shall make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*) as it may be settled; and that he shall pay every year to the receiver-general of His Majesty's domain, or to the clerk of the said receiver who shall reside at the Straits (Détroit), one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said two arpents in front by forty in depth four *livres* of rent, and moreover one half bushel (*minot*) of wheat for the said two arpents in front; the whole payable each year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh day of November 1735, and so continue from year to year; the said *cens* bearing profits of *lods et ventes*, *défait* and *amende*, with all other royal and seigniorial rights, when the same become due according to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; nevertheless it shall be at the option of the said Chauvin to pay the said four *livres* of *rente* and the *sol* of *cens* in furs, at the price of Détroit, until a current money be established; reserving in the King's name, on the said grant, all the timber which His Majesty may require hereafter for the building of ships and forts, as well as the ownership of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said concession; and the said Chauvin, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to have the said concession immediately meted, measured and bounded in all its length and width at his own cost, and to execute the clauses set forth in the present title, and obtain from His Majesty a patent of confirmation of the same within two years; the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Montreal the 16th day of June 1734.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N° 198.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

1st July 1734.—*Concession to the Sieur de Contrecoeur, Captain.*

Another concession in favor of the Sieur François Antoine de Pecoudy, Esquire, Seigneur of Contrecoeur, captain of a company of the detachment of marines in Canada, of an island lying and being in Lake Champlain, commonly called Grand Isle, together with the islands, islets and beaches depending thereon, the whole in fief and seigniorly, with the right

of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the condition, &c. (The remainder as in the other concessions on Lake Champlain.)

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

A true copy,
HOCQUART.

Nº 199.

Concession to the Sieur Godefroy de Tonnancourt.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, Knight, King's Councillor, &c.

On what has been represented to us by René Godefroy, Esquire, Sieur de Tonnancourt, civil and criminal lieutenant in the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers, stating that he is in possession of several fiefs in the government of the said Town of Three Rivers the first of which consisting of sixty-six arpents in front by two leagues in depth, heretofore commonly called *Seigneuriet et Sauvaget*, jointly granted to Jean Sauvaget and Etienne Seigneuriet by Mr. Boucher, governor of Three Rivers, by title deed of the thirty-first day of July 1656, ratified by Mr. de Lauzon, governor general, by title deed of the second day of August following, the said fief lying and being on the north side of the fief St.-Laurent near the said town of Three Rivers and joining on the north east the settlement of Claude Joutras, and on the south west the hereinafter mentioned fief ; the said fief having fallen to him by the decease of M^{lle}. Marguerite Seigneuriet, his mother, sole heirress to the late Seigneuriet, her father, and Sauvaget, her grand father ; the second fief contiguous to the one hereinabove designated and consisting of half a league in front on the said River St. Lawrence, by one league in depth, joining on the north east the first mentioned fief and on the south west the *Rivière aux Loutres*, conceded by Mr. Talon, intendant in this country, to the late Sieur Louis Godefroy de Normanville, in virtue of a title deed dated the third day of November 1672, which has fallen to the petitioner as the sole and only heir to the said late Sieur Louis Godefroy de Normanville, his father ; which said two fiefs were granted under the simple title of fief without any other explanation except that of the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis, of which it is stated that they shall be held under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in that respect ; the lines of the said fiefs running in front north east and south west, and in depth south east and north west ; praying that we would be pleased to grant him a prolongation of one league at the end of the depth of the fief granted to the said late Sieur de Normanville, so that it may be made equal in depth to the fief granted to the said Seigneuriet and Sauvaget, and also to grant

him the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the other seigniorial rights within the extent of the said two fiefs and of the prolongation of the second, and that they may hereafter form only one and the same seignior under the name of Tonnancourt ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Tonnancourt one half league of land in front by one league in depth, the said front to be taken at the end of the depth and limits of the league in depth of the said fief heretofore called Normanville, the said prolongation in depth to be joined and united to the said fief of Normanville and form together with the said fief of Seigneuret and Sauvaget only one and the same seignior under the name of Tonnancourt, which by this means shall be one league and a fourth in front by two leagues in depth, following the lines hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Tonnancourt, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage to His Majesty at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said fief shall be held under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction at Montreal ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth ; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of that which he may require for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, at the Castle St. Louis, the

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Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 200.

7th July 1734.—*Idem to the Sieur de Contrecoeur, the eldest son, on Lake Champlain.*

Another concession in favor of Pierre Claude Pecaudy de Contrecoeur, the eldest son, esquire, an ensign in the troops of the detachment of marines in Canada, of a tract of land on the border of Lake Champlain, to be taken at the mouth of the Rivière aux Loutres, one league and a half above and half a league below the same, making two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, together with the portion of the said Rivière aux Loutres which may be included within the same, and those islands or islets which are situate opposite the said concession and depending thereon; which said extent of land shall be bounded in front on Lake Champlain by a line (*trait quarré*) running north and south, on the north side by a line running east and west, joining the ungranted lands, on the south side by a parallel line joining also the unconceded lands, and in depth by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the unconceded lands; the whole in fief and seigniorly under the name of Pecaudière, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the condition, etc., as in the other concessions on Lake Champlain.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 201.

6th July, 1734.—*Lake Champlain: Idem to the Sieur de la Périère, captain.*

Another concession in favour of the Sieur René Boucher, Esquire, Sieur de la Périère, captain of a company of the detachment of marines in Canada, of a tract of land on Lake Champlain, to be taken at the mouth of the River Ouynouskhi, one league above and one league below the same, making two leagues in front by three leagues in depth; bounded in front, on lake Champlain, by a line (*trait quarré*) running north and south, on the north side by a line running east and west, joining the ungranted lands, on the south side by a line parallel to the latter and joining also the ungranted lands, and in depth by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the ungranted lands, together with the extent of the said river which may be included therein, and the adjacent islands and beaches; the whole in fief and seigniorly under the name of la Périère, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the condition, &c., as in the preceding concessions on Lake Champlain. See that in favor of the Sieur de Bleury.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 202.

20TH JULY, 1734.

[Reg. of Int. Cap. 7, v. 31.]

Idem to Philippe René Le Gardeur, Sieur de Beauvais, the son, of a tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the border of Lake Champlain, to be taken from the boundary of the seignior of the Sieur de Lussignan, ascending along the said Lake Champlain.

N^o 203.

20th April 1735.—*Concession to the Sieur Tarieu de la Peirade, a retired lieutenant.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

The Sieur Thomas Tarieu de la Peirade, retired lieutenant of the troops kept in this country, having petitioned His Majesty for the ratification of two concessions, one of which had been granted to Dame Marguerite Denis, mother of said Sieur de la Peirade, on the 9th day of March 1697, by Messieurs le comte de Frontenac and Champigny, the other to the said Sieur de la Peirade by Messieurs le chevalier de Callière and de Champigny on the 4th day of October 1700, and His Majesty having judged proper to delay the granting of the said ratification thus prayed for, until he should have received our advice on what might have any relation to the said two concessions, as Monsieur le comte de Maurepas, minister and secretary of state, made it known to us by his letter dated at Versailles, 21st April 1733, we therefore, after having examined the title-deeds of the said Sieur de la Peirade, sent our advice to His Majesty, advising that the grant of the 9th day of March 1697 should be annulled, as its limits and boundaries are the same as those of the concession of 1700, for which the said Sieur de la Peirade has performed fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), and besides to grant to the said Sieur de la Peirade another concession of three leagues of land in depth, in rear and by the same front as the aforesaid concession of 1700; in answer to which advice Monsieur le comte de Maurepas made known to us by another letter of the twentieth day of April last, that His Majesty had approved the above proposed arrangement;

We, in execution of His Majesty's orders, have suppressed and annulled the aforesaid concession of the 9th day of March 1697, and have granted and do grant to the said Sieur Tarieu de la Peirade an extent of three leagues of land in depth, to be taken in rear and by the same width as the concession of the 30th October 1700; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de la Peirade in fee, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country;

that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said grant; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and cause the same to be kept by his tenants within a year and a day; that he shall leave and cause to be left on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may make to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents only confirmed, as the concession of 1700 has been confirmed by a patent from His Majesty of the 22th day of May 1701, which he has exhibited to us.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the 20th April, 1735.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 204.

1st September 1736.—*Concession to Charles Bonhomme, alias Beaupré, at Detroit.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Commander of the military order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France and the province of Louisiana;

GILLES HOCQUART, Knight, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said countries.

On the petition presented to us by Charles Bonhomme, *alias* Beaupré, an inhabitant of the Straits of Lake Erié, praying that we would grant and concede him a tract of land situated on the said Straits, of four arpents in front by forty in depth, joining on the west-south-west side the land of François Lauzon, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, and on the other side towards the east-north-east by the ungranted lands, in front by the Straits of Lake Erié, and in depth by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the unconceded lands;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede under the title of *cens*

et rentes, from henceforth for ever, unto the said Charles Bonhomme *alias* Beaupré, for him, his heirs and assigns hereafter, a concession of land lying and being on the Straits of Lake Erié, containing four arpents in front by forty in depth, bounded by and on the rumb lines hereinabove designated, to be held, enjoyed and disposed of by the said Charles Bonhomme *alias* Beaupré, his heirs and assigns, subject to the charges, clauses and conditions hereinafter mentioned, to wit: That the said Bonhomme *alias* Beaupré and his assigns shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill, when one shall have been erected, on pain of the confiscation of the said grain and of an arbitrary fine; that he shall keep or cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year at the latest; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbours as they may require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, and leave therein the roadways which shall be found necessary for the public use; that he shall make the division fences (*mitoyennes*) as it shall be settled, and pay every year to the receiver of His Majesty's domain in this country, or to the clerk of the said receiver residing at Détroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said four arpents in front by forty arpents in depth four *sols* of *cens* and eight *livres* of *rente*, and moreover one bushel of wheat for the said four arpents of land in front; the whole payable every year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, and thus continue from year to year, the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *défaut et amende*, and all other royal and seigniorial rights, when the same become due agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; however it shall be at the option of the said Charles Bonhomme *alias* Beaupré to pay the said eight *livres* of *rente* and four *sols* of *cens* in furs, at the price of Détroit, until a current money shall have been established; reserving in the King's name on the said habitation all the timber which His Majesty may require for the building of ships and such forts as he may hereafter erect, as well as the ownership of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the extent of the said concession; and the said Charles Bonhomme, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to have the said concession immediately measured and bounded in its whole length and width at his own cost, and to execute the clauses mentioned in this title deed, and take a patent of confirmation from His Majesty within two years; the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Quebec, this first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

And further down,

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed,

DE CHEVREMONT, and

DE VALMUR.

And sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF INTENDANCE, N° 8.

N° 205.

23rd September 1736.—*Concession to the Sieur Taschereau, of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth on both sides of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Thomas-Jacques Taschereau, Councillor in the Supreme Council of Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, together with the lakes, islands and islets lying and being in the said river within the extent of the said three leagues, to commence running from the place called L'Islet-au-Sapin, inclusively, in the said river, and ascending the same, which extent of land on both sides has not yet been conceded ; to have and to hold the same unto him, together with the said lakes, islands and islets, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing and trading with the Indians, on the tender made by him together with the Sieurs Rigaud de Vaudreuil, captain of a company of the troops of infantry of the detachment of marines kept by the king in this Colony, and Fleury de la Gorgendière, agent of the India Company in this Country, to cause to be made at their joint expence a highway for horse and carriage to commence from the side of the River St. Lawrence and be continued through the lands of the concession heretofore granted to the late Sieur de Lauzon, called the *Côte de Lauzon*, which now belongs to the children heirs of the late Sieur Charest, and the following concession which was granted to the late Sieur Joliet, belonging to his heirs, the said two concessions being along the said River of the Sault de la Chaudière, and terminating for the latter opposite the said Islet-au-Sapin, the said road to be made as well for the continuation of the settlement of the said concessions heretofore granted as to facilitate the settlement of the concession demanded by the said Sieur Taschereau and of those this day granted by us to the said Sieurs Rigaud de Vaudreuil and

de la Gorgendière, above the same and ascending the said River of the Sault de la Chaudière, and with a view to the cultivation of the lands in the said new concessions, moreover that he shall commence working on the said road during the spring of next year, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Taschereau the said extent of three leagues of land in front by two leagues in depth on both sides of the said river called Sault-de-la-Chaudière, ascending the same, to commence running from the place called the Islet-au-Sapin, including the same, together with the lakes, islands and islets which may be found in the said river within the said extent of three leagues ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, subject, on the part of the said Sieur Taschereau, to the condition that he shall cause the aforesaid road to be made, jointly with the said Sieurs de Rigaud de Vaudreuil and de la Gorgendière, which they shall commence as early as next spring, and to complete which we allow them only three years, so that it shall be finished in the year 1739 ; which said road shall be taken from the border of the River St. Lawrence and shall continue through the lands of the concessions belonging to the heirs Charest and the heirs Joliet, without any interruption, as far as opposite the said Islet-au-Sapin, and moreover cause bridges to be built wherever it shall be judged necessary for the passage and convenience of the inhabitants who may wish to go and settle themselves as well in the said two old concessions as in that granted by these presents and those which are or may be granted above ; subject also to the condition that within two years after the confirmation of these presents by His Majesty, he shall cause the boundaries to be run ; also to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Colony ; moreover that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent of land ; that the appeals from the Judges who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall keep or cause to be kept therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default whereof the said grant shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that he shall leave on the said concession the roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, save and except that portion which the said Sieur may want for his own fishery ; and should hereafter His Majesty require any part of the said tract of land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signe these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of September 1736.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned, GAUDRON DE CHEVREMONT, and
DE VALMUR.

And sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N° 206.

23th September 1736.—*Concession to the Sieur de Rigaud de Vaudreuil of three leagues in front by two in depth, on each side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Perre Rigaud de Vaudreuil, Esquire, captain of a company of infantry in the troops of the detachment of marines kept by the King in this colony, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the river of the Sault de la Chaudière, together with the lakes, islands and islets lying and being in the said river within the extent of the said three leagues, ascending the said river, to commence running from the end of the concession of three other leagues also on both sides of the river, which we have this day granted to the Sieur Thomas Jacques Taschereau, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, and to end at another concession also of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, ascending along the said river, which we have also this day granted to the Sieur Joseph Fleury de la Gorgendière, agent of the India Company in this country; to have and to hold the same unto him, together with the said lakes, islands and islets, in fief and seigniorie with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, throughout the said extent of land, on the tender made by him jointly with the said Sieurs de la Gorgendière and Taschereau, that they shall cause to be made jointly, and at their common expence, a highway for horse and carriage, which shall commence from the border of the river St. Lawrence and shall continue to run through the lands of the concession which has been heretofore granted to the

late *Sieur de Lauzon*, called the *Côte de Lauzon*, and now belongs to the heirs of the late *Sieur Charest*, and the next concession which has been also granted to the late *Sieur Joliet* and belongs to his heirs; the said two concessions lying and being along the river of the *Sault de la Chaudière*, the latter terminating in front of the place called the *Islet au Sapin*, the said road to be made as well for the continuation of the settlement of the said two concessions heretofore granted as in order to facilitate that of the concession demanded by the said *Sieur Rigaud de Vaudreuil* and of the two others granted this day to the said *Sieurs de la Gorgendière* and *Taschereau*, and in view of promoting the cultivation of the lands of the new concessions, and moreover that he shall commence the said road as early as in the spring of next year, 1737;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Rigaud de Vaudreuil* the said extent of land of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the river of the *Sault de la Chaudière*, ascending the same, together with lakes, islands and islets which may be found therein, to commence running from the end of the concession this day granted by us to the said *Sieur Taschereau*; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; subject on the part of the said *Sieur de Rigaud de Vaudreuil* to the condition of making the aforesaid road jointly with the said *Sieurs de la Gorgendière* and *Taschereau*, on which they shall work as early as next spring, we hereby granting them only three years to make the said road, so that it shall be finished in the year 1739, which said road shall commence to run from the border of the river *St. Lawrence* and shall continue through the lands of the said concessions belonging to the heirs *Charest* and the heirs *Joliet*, without any interruption, as far as the said *Islet au Sapin*, and moreover cause bridges to be made where it shall be found necessary for the passage and convenience of those who wish to go and settle themselves as well within the said two former concessions as within that granted by these presents, and those which may be granted beyond the same; subject to the condition that, &c. (The remainder as in the preceding concession.)

Given at Quebec, the 23rd September 1736.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 207.

27th September 1736—Concession to the *Sieur Fleury de la Gorgendière* of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière.

CHARLES MARQUÉ DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the *Sieur Fleury de la Gorgendière*, agent of the India Company in this colony, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the river of the Sault de la Chaudière, together with the lakes, islands and islets lying and being in the said river, within the said extent of three leagues of land, ascending the said river, to commence at the end of the concession of three leagues, also on both sides of the said river, granted by us this day to the *Sieur Pierre Rigaud de Vaudreuil*, Esquire, captain of a company of infantry in the troops of the detachment of marines in this country, and to end at the ungranted lands; to have and to hold the same, together with the said lakes, islands and islets, in fief and seigniorly, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the said extent, on the tender made by him jointly with the said *Sieurs Rigaud de Vaudreuil* and *Taschereau*, that they shall make jointly, and at their common expence, a highway for horse and carriage, to commence from the border of the river St. Lawrence and continue through the lands of the concession which has been heretofore granted to the late *Sieur de Lauzon*, called the *Côte de Lauzon*, and now belonging to the heirs of the late *Sieur Charest*, and of an other concession granted to the late *Sieur Joliet* and belonging to his heirs, the said two concessions being situated along the river of the Sault de la Chaudière, and the latter finishing opposite the place called the *Islet au Sapin*, the said road to be made as well for the continuation of the settling of the said two concessions heretofore granted as to facilitate that of the concession demanded by the said *Sieur de la Gorgendière* and of the two others this day granted by us to the *Sieurs Rigaud de Vaudreuil* and *Taschereau*, and in view of promoting the cultivation of the lands of the said new concessions, and moreover to commence the said road as early as in the spring of next year, 1737;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said *Sieur Fleury de la Gorgendière* the said extent of land of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on both sides of the said river of the Sault de la Chaudière, ascending the same, to commence at the end of the concession made this day by us to the said *Sieur Rigaud de Vaudreuil*, together with the islands, islets and lakes lying and being in the said river within the said extent of three leagues; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniorly, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; subject on the part of the said *Sieur Fleury de la Gorgendière* to the condition of causing the said road to be made jointly with the said *Sieurs Rigaud de Vaudreuil* and *Taschereau*, which they shall commence as early as next spring, for the completion of which we hereby grant them only three years, so that it shall be finished

in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine, which said road shall commence to run from the border of the river St. Lawrence and continue through the lands of the said concessions belonging to the heirs Charest and the heirs Joliet, without any interruption, as far as opposite the said Islet au Sapin, and moreover to make bridges at the places where they shall be found necessary for the passage and convenience of the inhabitants who may wish to settle as well on the said two former concessions as on that granted by these presents and on those which may be granted above the same; on condition also that, &c. (The remainder as in the preceding concessions.)

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

Nº 208.

24th September 1736.—Concession to the Dame Widow Aubert of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth on the south-west side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Dame Thérèse de la Lande Gayon, widow of the late François Aubert, in his lifetime esquire, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant her a tract of land of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on the south-west side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, together with the islands and islets lying and being in the said river, within the said extent of two leagues ascending the said river on the south-west side thereof, to commence running from the end of another concession of three leagues granted by us to the Sieur Joseph Fleury de la Gorgendiére, agent of the India Company in this country, and end at the unconceded lands; to have and to hold the same unto the said Dame together with the said islands and islets, in fee and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame Aubert, the said extent of land of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth on the south-west side of the said River of the Sault de la Chaudière, ascending the same, to commence running from

the end of the concession granted by us to the *Sieur de la Gorgendière*, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said river within the extent of two leagues, and on both sides of the same (which said islands and islets shall be equally divided between the said Dame widow Aubert and the *Sieur de l'Isle*, to whom we have granted this day a similar concession on the north-east side of the said river); the whole in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; to have and to hold the same unto the said Dame, her heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that she shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found in the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec; that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and cause the same to be kept by her tenants, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to the King's domain; that she shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; that she shall leave on the said concession the roadways which shall be found necessary for the public use, and that she shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which she shall grant to her tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front, by forty in depth; that she shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, except that which she may require for her own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to build forts, batteries, military places, stores and other public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

And further down,

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed,

DE CHEVREMONT, and

DE VALMUR.

And sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 209.

24th September.—*Concession to the Sieur Gabriel Aubin de l'Isle, of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth on the north-east side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière.*

CHARLES MARQUIN DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Gabriel Aubin de l'Isle, clerk of the *maré-chaussée* of this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth on the — side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, together with the islands and islets situate in the said river within the extent of the said two leagues ascending on the north east side of the said river, to commence running from the end of three other leagues granted by us to the Sieur Joseph Fleury de la Gorgendière, agent of the India Company in this country, and terminate at the unconceded lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, together with the islands and islets, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; taking which into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Aubin de l'Isle, the said extent of two leagues of land in front by two leagues in depth, on the north east side of the said River of the Sault de la Chaudière, ascending the same, to commence running from the end of the concession granted by us to the said Sieur de la Gorgendière, together with the islands and islets situate in the said river within the said extent of two leagues and on both sides of the same; (which islands and islets shall be equally divided between him and the Dame widow Aubert, to whom we have this day granted a similar concession on the south west side of the said river); the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, subject to to the condition, &c. (The remainder as in the concession granted to the Dame widow Aubert.)

Done at Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 210.

6th October 1736.—Concession in favor of the *Sieur d'Argenteuil*, of one league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, in rear of the seignior of *la Norais*.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Jean Daillebout, Esquire, *Sieur d'Argenteuil*, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of one league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, in rear of the seignior of *la Norais*, in fief and seignior, together with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of fishing in the River *l'Assomption*, and of hunting and trading with the Indians; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Jean Daillebout d'Argenteuil* the said extent of land of one league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, which shall be bounded in front by the north shore of the River *l'Assomption*, on the south-west side by the continuation line of the seignior of *la Valterie*, on the other side to the north-east by a line parallel to the latter, joining the unconceded lands, and in depth by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the unconceded lands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing in the River *l'Assomption*, and of hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said concession; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place, shall lie before the royal jurisdiction at Montreal; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) therein and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; that he shall leave within the said concession the King's highways and other roads which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he shall grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for every arpent in front by forty in depth; that he shall leave the fishery free to his settlers with the exception of that portion which he may set aside for his domain; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to build forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

And countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 211.

7th October 1736.—*Concession to the Dame Widow Boishébert, of a league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, behind the seigniory of Dautré.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Dame Geneviève de Ramezay, widow of the late Sieur de Boishébert, in his lifetime captain of a company of the detachment of marines kept in this country, praying that we may be pleased to grant her a tract of land of a league and half in front by four leagues in depth, behind the seigniory of Dautré, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), of fishing in the river l'Assomption, and of hunting and trading with the Indians; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame widow de Boishébert the said extent of a league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, behind the seigniory of Dautré, to be bounded in front by the north shore of the river l'Assomption, on the south west side by the line of the concession lately granted to the Sieur Jean Daillebout d'Argenteuil, on the other side to the north-east by a parallel line joining the prolongations of the seigniory of Antoye, and in rear by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the ungranted lands; to be enjoyed by her, her heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of fishing in the river l'Assomption, in front of the same, and of hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, on condition, &c. (The rest as in the concession to the Sieur d'Argenteuil.)

Given at Quebec, the seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

No 212.

6th October 1736.—*Concession in favor of the Sieur Pierre Raimbault, lieutenant-general, of four leagues in front by five leagues in depth, on Lake Champlain, on the east side of the same.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Pierre Raimbault, lieutenant-general of the royal jurisdiction of Montreal, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of four leagues in front by five leagues in depth on the east shore of Lake Champlain, the said four leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori granted to the Sieur de la Peirière on the sixth day of July 1734, descending the said lake, in which grant is included the river called *la Moëlle*, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, the whole in fief and seigniori under the name of *la Moineaudière*, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said grant, as well opposite as within the same ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Raimbault the said extent of four leagues of land in front by five leagues in depth as it is hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the south side by the seigniori of the said Sieur de la Peirière, on the north side at a distance of four leagues, descending the lake, by a line which shall be drawn east and west, joining the ungranted lands, in front by Lake Champlain, and in depth at a distance of five leagues by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the ungranted lands, together with the islands and islets adjacent to the said extent of land ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniori with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, as well opposite as within the same ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, etc. (The remainder as in the concession made to the Sieur d'Argenteuil).

Done and given at Quebec, the eighth day of October one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 213.

8th October 1736.—*Concession to the Sieur Douville of two leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on the east side of Lake Champlain.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Michel Daigneaux, Esquire, Sieur Douville, formerly an officer in the troops of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the east shore of Lake Champlain, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori granted this day to the Sieur Raimbault, descending the lake, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, the whole in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Daigneaux Douville the said extent of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, which said extent shall be bounded on the south side by the line of the seigniori of the said Sieur Raimbault, on the north side at a distance of two leagues, descending the lake, by a line parallel to the latter, which shall be drawn east and west, joining the ungranted lands, in front by lake Champlain, and in rear, at a distance of three leagues, by a line parallel to the front line, joining also the ungranted lands, together with the islands, islets and beaches adjacent to the said tract of land ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniori with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, &c. (The remainder as in the concession granted to the Sieur Dargentuil, above copied.)

Done and given at Quebec, the eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 214.

10th October, 1736.—*Concession to the Sieur Lafontaine of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a league in front by three leagues in depth, in rear of Montapeine.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Lafontaine de Belcourt, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of three fourths of a league in front by three leagues in depth, bounded in front at the end of the depth of the seigniory of Madame de Vincennes, on one side to the north east by the line of the seigniory of Beaumont, on the south west side and on the same line by the seigniory of Montapeine, and in rear by the ungranted lands ; the whole in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ; which taking into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Lafontaine de Belcourt, the said extent of three fourths of a league or thereabouts in front by the depth prayed for ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, &c. ; the remainder as in the concession granted to the Widow de Gaspé.

Done at Quebec, the tenth day of October 1736.

Given,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 215.

4th January 1737.—*Concession to Demoiselle Charlotte Le Gardeur of three fourths of a league in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of the fief Maranda.*

CHARLES MARQUIS OF BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Demoiselle Charlotte Legardeur, daughter of the late Sieur Legardeur, captain of a company of the troops of the detachment of marines kept in

this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant her a tract of land of three fourths of a league in front on the river St. Lawrence, by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of the fief Maranda, bounded on the south-west side by the seigniory of Bonsecours, on the other side to the north east by that of Tilly, and in rear by the ungranted lands; the whole in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Demoiselle Legardeur the said extent of land of three fourths of a league in front by three fourths in depth, as hereinabove described, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; to have and to hold the same unto the said Demoiselle Legardeur, her heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the condition, &c. (The remainder as in the grant made to the Sieur Taschereau....)

Given at Quebec, the fourth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N° 216.

15th April 1737.—*Concession in favor of the Sieur Cugnet, of a certain tract of land lying and being opposite the seigniory of the heirs Joliet, on the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, on the south west side, from the end of the seigniory of Lauzon, running as far as that heretofore conceded to the Sieur Taschereau, containing about three leagues in front on the said river, by two leagues in depth.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

HONORÉ MICHEL DE LA ROUVILLIÈRE. &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur François Etienne Cugnet, first councillor in the supreme council of this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the extent of land which is opposite the seigniory belonging to the heirs Joliet, on the south west side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, from the end of the seigniory of Lauzon to that lately conceded to the Sieur Taschereau, containing about three leagues in front on the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, on the south west side of the said river, by two leagues in depth, together with the islands and islets which are in the said river, within the

limits of the said tract of land, on the south west side of the said river, as they may be found situate opposite the said tract of land, also with the lakes which may be found on the said tract of land ; to have and to hold unto the petitioner, his heirs and assigns for ever, the said lands, lakes, islands and islets in fief and seigniority with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians within the extent of the said tract of land ; subject on his part to the condition that he shall contribute his share to the road which the Sieurs Taschereau, Rigaud de Vaudreuil and de la Gorgendière are bound to make according to the terms of their grants, that he shall cause the said concession to be bounded, and shall keep or cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within a year from the day of the confirmation to be granted by His Majesty of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur François Etienne Cugnet, first councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, the tract of land remaining to be conceded opposite the seigniority belonging to the heirs Joliet, on the south west side of the River of the Sault de la Chaudière, from the end of the depth of the seigniority of Lauzon to that recently conceded to the said Sieur Taschereau, containing about three leagues in front on the said River of the Sault de la Chaudière, on the south west side of the said river, by two leagues in depth, together with the islands and islets which are in the said river on the south west side thereof, within the extent of the said tract of land, as they may be found opposite to the same, and also the lakes which may be found within the said land ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the present concession ; subject on the part of the said Sieur Cugnet to the condition that he shall contribute his share to the road which the said Sieurs Taschereau, Rigaud de Vaudreuil and de la Gorgendière are bound to make according to the terms of their grants ; that he shall cause the said concession to be bounded within a year from the day of the confirmation to be granted by His Majesty of the present concession ; moreover to the condition that, etc. (The remainder as in the concession granted to the Sieur Taschereau).

Given at Quebec the fifteenth day of April 1731.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 217.

13th June 1737.—*Concession to the Sieur Robert, store-keeper, of three leagues in front by two leagues in depth, on the west side of Lake Champlain.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

HONORÉ MICHEL DE LA ROUVILLIÈRE, &c.

Taking into consideration the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Joseph Robert, King's store-keeper in this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a concession of three leagues of land in front by two leagues in depth, on the south side of Lake Champlain, together with the adjacent islands and islets, to be taken one half league below the River Bacquet and ascending two leagues and a half above the said river; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Robert the said extent of three leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth, on the south side of the said lake, to be taken, as aforesaid, one half league below the said river, and two leagues and a half above the same, terminating near the *Rocher fendu*, together with the islands and islets which may be found adjacent to the said land; to have and to hold, enjoy and dispose of the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fief and seignior, for ever, as his own property, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, &c. (The remainder as in the concession granted to the Sieur d'Argenteuil.)

Done at Montreal, the thirteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and
MICHEL.

Countersigned,

GAUDRON DECHEVREMONT, and
BENARD.

And sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 218.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the parties interested in the company of the Forges established at St. Maurice, stating that for the purpose of establishing the said forges in execution of His Majesty's orders, and procuring the wood necessary for the working thereof, they have acquired from the heirs Poulin the land and seigniority of St. Maurice aforesaid, thinking that they would find therein timber enough for the building of the said forges, but that the said interested parties have found, on visiting the said seigniority, that the fires which frequently occur in this country have destroyed a great portion of the timber as well of the said seigniority of St. Maurice as of the fief of St. Etienne and the neighbouring places, so that the wood remaining on the said seigniority of St. Maurice could not suffice for the annual consumption of the said forges, and that the said interested parties would be obliged to buy wood in the neighbouring seigniorities, the proprietors of which would not fail to oversell it to them, seeing the necessity in which they would be placed of buying it on such terms as people might chose to impose upon them, or else be obliged to abandon their undertaking for want of wood, and totally lose the large sums of money which they have advanced thereon; wherefore, and in consideration of the said expenses, they pray us to grant and concede to them the whole of the fief of St. Etienne which has been reunited to the King's domain by an ordinance of the sixth day of April last, as well as the lands which extend from the said fief of St. Etienne, the front to be taken on the River of Three Rivers, ascending the same as far as one league above the *Sault de la Gabelle*, heretofore called the *Sault de la Verandry*, by two leagues in depth; which said lands shall be, as far as necessary, declared reunited to His Majesty's domain by the ordinance of the King's council of state dated the 15th day of March 1732, the said fief of St. Etienne and the lands which are above it on the river of Three Rivers, ascending the same as far as one league above the *Sault de la Gabelle*, by two leagues in depth, to be united and incorporated with the fief of St. Maurice, and form together only one and the same seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the same; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) to the King in his Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said augmentation of seigniority shall be held, under the customary rights and dues, as they now enjoy the said fief of St. Maurice; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by his Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said interested parties as well the fief of St. Etienne, reunited to His Majesty's domain by ordinance of the 6th April last, as the lands which may be found from the said fief St. Etienne, the front to be taken on the river of Three Rivers, and ascending the same as far as one league above the *Sault de la Verandry*, by two leagues in depth, which land shall be, as far as necessary, reunited to His Majesty's domain, in conformity with the decree of the King's council of state dated the 15th day of March 1732, the said fief of St. Etienne and the land above the same, as aforesaid, to be united to and incorporated with the said fief of St. Maurice and form together but

one and the same seigniory ; to have and to hold the same unto the said interested parties, their successors and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting and fishing only throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which the said seigniory shall be held, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, as the said interested parties now enjoy the fief of St. Maurice ; on condition also that they shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession, with the exception of the iron ores, the privilege of which has been granted to the said interested parties ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers ; that they shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said lands to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty may take it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twelfth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 219.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, etc.

GILLES HOCQUART, etc.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Jean-Baptiste-Nicolas Roch de Ramesay, captain in the troops in this Country, the Demoiselles Geneviève, Angélique, Louise and Elizabeth de Ramezay, children of the late Sieur de Ramesay, Esquire, knight of the military order of St. Louis, governor of the town and government of Montreal, seignior of Monnoir, praying that, for the reasons therein mentioned, we would be pleased to grant them a concession of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth at the end of the said seigniory of Monnoir, conceded on the twenty-fifth day of March 1708, lying and being near Chambly, along the River des Hurons, running north-east and south-west along the continuation of the seigniory of Rouville, joining on the north-east side the said seigniory and on the south-west that of Sabrevois ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur and Demoiselles de Ramesay in fief and seigniory ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to them the said extent of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken as aforesaid, running north-east and south-west along the continuation of the seigniory of Rouville, joining on the north-east side the said seigniory and on the south-west that of Subrevois; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniory, which said concession together with that of Monnoir shall form only one seigniory and the same jurisdiction; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, as it is mentioned in the title of concession of the said seigniory of Monnoir, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that they shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said land; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that they shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon and cause the same to be kept by their tenants, in default whereof the said fief shall be reunited to the King's domain; that they shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; that they shall leave all roadways which may be found necessary for the public use; that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they may grant to their said tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes*; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, on pain of nullity of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal the twelfth day of June 1739.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 220.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Demoiselles Angélique, Louise and Elizabeth de Ramezay, daughters of the late Sieur Claude de Ramezay, Esquire, knight of the military

order of St. Louis, governor of the town and government of Montreal, seignior of Saurel, praying that we would grant them a remaining tract of land in rear of the said seignior of Saurel, to be taken between the lines and boundaries of the seignior of La Vallière and of those of Fezeret and St. Ours, bounded on the north-east side by the said seignior of La Vallière, on the east side by the said seignior of Fezeret, and on the south-west side by the line of the said seignior of St. Ours, making altogether about one league and a half in superficies; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Demoiselles de Ramesay in fief and seignior; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Demoiselles de Ramesay the said extent of land of one league and a half or thereabouts in superficies, to be taken as aforesaid between the lines and boundaries of the said seignior of La Vallière, Fezeret and St. Ours; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, which said concession together with that of Saurel shall form only one seignior and the same jurisdiction; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, as it is set forth in the title of concession of the said seignior of Saurel, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country; on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that they shall give notice to the King or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said tract of land; that the appeals from the Judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that they shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon and cause the same to be kept by their tenants, in default whereof the said fief shall be reunited to the King's domain; that they shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said land; that they shall leave all the roadways necessary for the public use; and that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they may grant to their tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes*; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, on pain of nullity of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Montreal, the eighteenth day of June 1739.

Signed,

BEAUMARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy

HOCQUART.

N^o 221.

Jean Bte. Neveu ; an addition to the seigniority granted to the Sieur de la Noraye by Tulon, the 3rd November 1672.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Jean Baptiste Neveu, colonel of the militiamen of Montreal, proprietor and seignior of the fiefs of la Noraye and Dautré, stating that in order to settle the said seigniories he has made considerable expenses as well for the clearing of the lands, as for the buildings of a chapel and presbytery, of two mills: the one a saw mill and the other a grist mill, and of several other buildings, such as houses and barns, besides large advances which he has made to his tenants to facilitate them a prompt establishment ; the petitioner praying that we would be pleased, for these considerations, to grant him the remainder of the unconceded land at the end of the lue which terminates the depth of the said fiefs of la Noraye and Dautré, as far as the River l'Assomption, on the whole width of the said fiefs, with the right of fishing on the front thereof in the said River l'Assomption, and that of hunting and trading with the Indians ; the said tract of land to be added to the said fiefs and form with each of them but one and the same seigniority, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), under the same charges, clauses and conditions as the other concessions in fief heretofore made by us in His Majesty's name ; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Neveu the said extent of land hereinabove described, to be taken from the boundary line of the depth of the said fiefs of la Noraye and Dautré to the River l'Assomption, and on the same width as that of the said fiefs ; that is to say, bounded on the south west side by the line which separates the seigniority of la Valterie, and on the north east side by a parallel line joining the prolongation of the seigniority of Antoya ; the said tract of land to form with each of the said fiefs of la Noraye and Dautré but one and the same seigniority, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, the same as he now enjoys the said fiefs of la Noraye and Dautré ; subject also to the cession that he shall preserve cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that appeals from the judge who may be established there, shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; in default of which the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may

grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Montreal the fourth day of July, 1739.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 222.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Louis Adrien Dandonneau, Sieur Dusablé, ensign in the troops of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of one league or thereabouts in front, situated in rear of the seigniory heretofore granted to Jean Baptiste Legardeur, Sieur de St. Michel, now belonging to the Sieur Petit Bruno, by three leagues in depth, the said new concession to form together with the fief du Chicot, of which the petitioner is now seignior, but one and the same seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

We, taking the said petition into consideration, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Dusablé the tract of land in question, of about one league in front by three leagues in depth, which shall be bounded in front at the end of the depth of the concession granted by M. Talon to the Sieur Jean Baptiste Legardeur on the third day of November 1762, now belonging to the Sieur Petit Bruno, on the north east by the lands granted by the said Sieur Talon, on the twenty-ninth day of October 1672, to the Sieurs Pierre and Jean Baptiste Legardeur, Sieurs de St. Michel, of which the said Sieur Petit Bruno is also now the proprietor, and by the line of the seigniory of the Sieur de Caruffel, on the south west by the fief du Chicot and the continuation of the said fief, and in rear by the ungranted lands ; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieur

Dusablé, his heirs and assigns for ever, in fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the best timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction at Montreal; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default of which the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of August, 1739.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

A true copy,

HOCQUART.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF INTENDANCE, N^o 9.

N^o 223.

25th March 1738.—*Concession in favor of the Dame widow, De Gaspé, of one league and a half of land at the end of the depth of the seigniority of Tilly.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Commander of the Military Order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant-General for the King over the whole of New France and the Province of Louisiana ;

GILLES HOCQUART, Knight, King's Councillor, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Countries.

On the petition presented to us by Dame Angélique Le Gardeur, widow of the late Aubert De Gaspé, in his life time Esquire, praying that we would be pleased to grant her one league and a half of land in rear of the seigniority of Tilly belonging to the heirs of the late Sieur Le Gardeur, her father, the front to be taken at the end of the depth and limits of the said seigniority of Tilly, joining on one side the seigniority of Lauzon, on the other that granted to the Demoiselle Le Gardeur, her sister, by a deed of concession of the fourth day of January 1737, and in rear the ungranted lands, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage to the King at his Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame De Gaspé the said tract of land of one league and a half in front by one league and a half in depth as it is hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; on condition that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that she shall give notice to the King or to us or

our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that she shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by her tenants, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain ; that she shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that she shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that she shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which she may grant to her tenants, subject to the customary dues and *cens et rentes* for every arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; and should hereafter His Majesty require any part of the said land to build forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of March 1738.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 224.

26th March 1738.—*Concession in favor of the Demoiselle Charlotte Le Gardeur, of 74 arpents which are found included between the concession granted to her on the 4th January 1737 and the seigniority of Ste. Croix.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Demoiselle Charlotte Le Gardeur, daughter of the late Sieur Le Gardeur, in his life time captain in the troops of the detachment of marines kept in this Country, praying that we would be pleased to grant her an augmentation of land of about seventy-four arpents in front, which remain ungranted and included between the concession granted to her on the fourth day of January 1737 and the seigniority of Ste. Croix, joining in front the fiefs Bonsecours and Amiot, and in rear the ungranted lands, by one league and sixty arpents in depth, the said seventy-four arpents

in depth, added to her said first concession, to form with it only one and the same seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in her concession of the said fourth day of January 1737 ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Demoiselle Le Gardeur the said extent of seventy-four arpents of land in front by one league and sixty arpents in depth as it is hereinabove described, which tract of land shall form together with the concession granted to her on the fourth day of January 1737 only one and the same seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*f. et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; on condition also that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that she shall give notice to His Majesty or to us or our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that she shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by her tenants ; that she shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; that she shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and that she shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which she shall grant to her tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-sixth day of March 1736.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 225.

1st April 1738.—*Concession to the Sieur de Beaurivage, of a tract of land in the neighborhood of the Sault de la Chaudière, included between the seigniories of Lauzon, Tilly and Ste. Croix.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Gilles Rageot, Sieur de Beaurivage, merchant of this city, by which he represents that in the design which he has of procuring to his three children, Louis Etienne, Gilles Joseph and Charles Rageot, a permanent establishment which they may enjoy after his death and that of his wife, he has thought that he could not better place a portion of the property which he has acquired by trade, than by employing it in forming three domains or farms on a tract of ungranted land, situate in the neighborhood of the river of the Sault de la Chaudière, which tract of land is included between the seigniori of Lauzon, belonging to the heirs Charest, that of Tilly, belonging to the Dame Legardeur, another seigniori belonging to the Demoiselle Charlotte Legardeur, that of St. Croix belonging to the Religious Ursuline Ladies of this city, and lastly those lately granted to the Sieurs Cugnet and Taschereau; the said Sieur de Beaurivage praying us to grant him the said tract of land in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), derogating nevertheless from the custom concerning the divisions of fiefs, desiring that the said land may be divided equally, after his death and that of his wife, between his three children or the survivors of them, without the right to the eldest nor his heirs and assigns of claiming a larger share than the two others, nor pretending any right of primogeniture, without which clause the petitioner would not come to the determination of making such an establishment, and praying that such derogation be inserted in the title-deed which we shall deliver him;

We, taking the said petition into consideration, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Gilles Rageot the said tract of land hereinabove described, together with the rivers and brooks which may be found within the extent of the said tract of land, the whole in fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Rageot, his heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, in default of which it shall be reunited to the King's domain; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land; that he shall leave therein all the roadways

which may be judged necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he shall make to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and the fire-wood for the use of the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; and with respect to the clause of the division of the said land by equal portions between the said three sons of the said *Sieur Rageot*,

We, in order to excite more and more his emulation, and considering the heavy expences which he shall be obliged to incur for the settlement of the said land, do hereby declare that, after the decease of the petitioner and that of his wife, the said *fief* shall be equally divided between his said three children or the survivors of them, derogating in this respect only, as far as necessary, from all contrary customs; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents only confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the 1st April, 1738.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 226.

1st May 1741.—*Concession in favor of François Mocquier, of 5 arpents in front, in the neighbourhood of Fort St. Frédéric, by the depth which may be found thence to the Bay of the said Fort.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On what has been represented to us by François Mocquier, corporal in the troops, that in the design which he has of settling in this country, he would wish to form a settlement in the neighbourhood of Fort St. Frédéric, should we be pleased to grant him a tract of land within the extent of those which His Majesty has reserved to himself; taking the premises into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and under his pleasure, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede, under the title of *cens et rentes*, for ever, unto the said François Mocquier, an extent of land situated to the south of Fort St. Frédéric, of five arpents in front by the depth which may be found from thence to the bay called the Bay of Fort St. Frédéric, bounded on one side, towards the north, by a line running west and east, forming the separation of the land reserved for the *banlieue* of the said Fort, on the other side towards the south by a parallel line joining the ungranted lands, in front by the river of the said Fort St. Frédéric, and in rear by the bay of the said Fort; to be held, enjoyed and disposed of by the said Mocquier, his heirs and assigns, under the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit: that the said Sieur Mocquier, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill which His Majesty has lately caused to be erected; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within a year from this date at the latest; that he shall give opening to his neighbours as they may require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, allow therein the roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, erect the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*), as it shall be settled, and pay each year to His Majesty's receiver in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk who shall be established at the said place, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front, and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, and moreover one half bushel of wheat for every forty arpents also in superficies, the whole payable every year and on the festival day of St. Martin one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, and so on from year to year, remitting to him now as at that time the three years of *cens et rentes* which he would then owe, and this with the view of facilitating to the said Mocquier the means of more advantageously making his clearings; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *défaut et amende*, and all other royal and seignioral rights when the same become due according to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; also under the reservation of the oak and other timber fit for the building of the King's ships, which he shall be held preserve, His Majesty being at liberty to take on the said concession all other timber which may be necessary for the building of forts, churches, presbyteries, mills and other civil buildings which may hereafter be erected, and His Majesty reserving moreover to himself the property of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; and the said Mocquier shall be held to execute the clauses contained in the present title, and to take a patent of confirmation by His Majesty within two years; the whole on pain of the nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Quebec, the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and forty-one.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 227.

14th May 1741.—*Concession in favor of Louis Fornel, of two leagues and three fourths or thereabouts by three leagues in depth, in rear of the seigniority of Neuville.*

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Fornel, merchant in this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant him two leagues and three fourths or thereabouts of land by three leagues in depth, in rear of the seigniority of Neuville belonging to the Sieur Demeloise, bounded in front by the line which divides the said seigniority of Neuville from the ungranted lands, on the north east by the rear line of the fief of St. Augustin, prolonged towards the south west by a line parallel to the preceding one, to be taken on the line of the fief Belair also prolonged, and in rear by the ungranted lands ; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Fornel, the said extent of land of two leagues and three fourths or thereabouts in front by three leagues in depth, as it is hereinabove designated, &c. (The remainder as in the concession granted to the Dame De Gaspé).

True copy.

HOCQUART.

N^o 228.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Daniel Lienard de Beaujeu, the son, lieutenant of a company of the troops of the detachment of marines kept for the King's service in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues in front along the River Chambly by three leagues in depth, and also the small island which is situate above the Isle aux Testes, the said two leagues in front to be taken from the boundary of the seigniority of the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry, ascending towards Lake Champlain, in which tract of land is the river called *Rivière à la Colle*, which said tract of land was reunited to the King's domain by our ordinance of the sixth day of May 1741; the whole in fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land ; in consideration thereof,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Beaujeu

the said extent of two leagues of land in front by three leagues in depth as it is hereinabove described, which said extent of land shall be bounded on the north side by the boundary of the fief of the Sieur Chaussegros de Léry and on the same line, and on the south side by a line drawn due east and west, in front by the River Chambly, and in rear, at the distance of three leagues, joining the ungranted lands; and moreover the small island situate above the Isle aux Testes; which said seigniorie was reunited to His Majesty's domain by our ordinance of the tenth day of May 1741, in execution of the decree of the King's council of state of the tenth day of July 1711; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Beaujeu, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniorie, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that he shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and satisfy us of the work which he shall have caused to be done thereon from this day till next fall, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void in virtue of the said decree of the King's council and of our said ordinance of the tenth day of May 1741, and without any other being necessary; that he shall leave on the said concession the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and that should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Given at Quebec the 22nd day of March, 1743.

Signed,

BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 229.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Faucault, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, first clerk of the navy, stating that by our ordinance of the tenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, we have declared several of the grantees of the lands on Lake Champlain to have forfeited all rights of property of the said lands, and still having some regard to the representations made by some of the said grantees, we have reserved to ourselves, under the pleasure of His Majesty, to grant new titles of concession to such of the said grantees as would satisfy us, within one year, that they had seriously, by expending money and working effectually, improved a considerable portion of the said lands during the said year, after which time, in virtue and in execution of our said ordinance and without any other being necessary, the said lands would be conceded to such persons and in such manner as we might deem fit; that the petitioner, by whom we found that sufficient expenses had not been made on one of the said concessions, granted to him by us on the third day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, and ratified by His Majesty on the sixth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, the said concession surveyed by Janvrin Dufresne, a sworn surveyor of Montreal, according to his *procès-verbal* of the fourteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, consisting of two leagues in front on the River Chambly, to be taken from the boundary of that of the Sieur de Noyan, and on the same line, ascending along the said river, by the depth which was found going as far as the River Missiskouy, had, in virtue of our said ordinance, forfeited the property of the concession on which, since the said time, he has spent more money to improve it, so that there are actually on the said concession six inhabitants who have settled and made considerable clearings on it, one of whom, named François Laporte *alias* Labonté, has erected as long since as the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, on a land of six arpents in front by forty in depth, a house, a barn and stable, and on which he now has four cows, two young oxen and a horse, and eight or nine arpents cleared, and reaped last fall twenty or twenty-five bushels (*minots*) of Indian corn, three and a half bushels of peas, beans and other vegetables; and his three sons, living with him, have each of them made on their concessions of three arpents in front four or five arpents of clearings fit to be sown this year; one named Christophe de St. Christophe *alias* Lajoie erected a house last fall on a similar concession, with a similar extent of clearing ready to be sown; and one named Thomas Karet had made during last month a clearing of one arpent and a half on a similar concession, which he has continued since; all which settlements are proved by the declaration of the Sieur de Léry, chief engineer in this country, who saw the said settlements on his return from fort St. Frederic last fall; by that of David Corbin, master carpenter, who has lodged in the house of the said Laporte, with the carpenters and other workmen who came down from fort St. Frederic in the spring of the said year one thousand seven hundred and forty-two; and which settlements are further proved by a letter of the ninth February last, written to the petitioner by Joseph Xaintonge, master of the King's schooner navigating on Lake Champlain, by which he demandes of him two lands for his two sons whom he is desirous of establishing thereon; and also by Pierre

Marmet and Michel St. Julien, inhabitants of Quebec, whom the petitioner sent up during the month of January, and who have marked out on the said concession each a land to settle upon and improve as soon as the navigation becomes free ; and that as the petitioner is still incurring expenses for the provisions and stores which are necessary for him to proceed to the said concession during the month of June next, with eighteen or twenty inhabitants who intend to settle thereon ; he prays that we may be pleased to grant him a new title of concession which may guarantee him the possession of the said land ; and moreover, an augmentation of one league in front on the same line, ascending along the said River Chambly, by the depth which may be found going as far as the said River Missiskouy, which augmentation the said petitioner trusts he will obtain also, regard being had to the heavy expenses which he has incurred and continues to incur in order to improve the said estate, which besides is only two leagues in depth, instead of three which have been conceded to all other grantees, as is proved by a plan of the said concession which the petitioner caused to be made in the month of March one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine, by Jean Pladeau *alias* St. Jean, land surveyor at Montreal :

Seeing the letters and plan above mentioned, and our said ordinance of the tenth May one thousand seven hundred and forty-one ; and having regard to the premises, and in consideration of the expenses which the said Sieur Foucault has incurred for the settlement of the said concession, and that he is on the point of removing to it with several inhabitants to form new settlements,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede *de novo* unto the said Sieur Foucault the said extent of land of two leagues in front on the said River Chambly by the depth which may be found going as far as the bay of Missiskouy, which said extent has been reunited to His Majesty's domain by our ordinance of the tenth May one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, in execution of the order of the King's council of state of the sixth day of July 1711, and moreover one league in front of augmentation, by the same depth, to be taken at the end of the said two leagues, ascending the said River Chambly ; which said three leagues of land shall be bounded on the north side by the boundary which was set according to the *procès-verbal* of Janvrin, sworn land surveyor, dated the fourteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, and signed by us with our sign manual, in front by the said River Chambly, going towards the south, in rear by two parallel lines running east and west, as far as the bay of Missiskouy, the said two lines joining a tract of land reunited and unconceded ; to have and to hold the said hereinabove described tract of land unto the said Sieur Foucault, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that she shall give notice to His Majesty or to us and our successors, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and cause the same to be kept by

his tenants, in default whereof the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use on the said concession, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front, by forty in depth; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to build forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and forty-three.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N^o 230.

18TH JUNE 1743.

[Reg. of Int. Cah. 9, 16 v.]

A concession to the Sieur Jean Chapotin, surgeon, of a land of two arpents in front by forty in depth, which had been formerly granted to one Philis, and afterwards granted again, with two other arpents by the same depth, joining the two preceding arpents, on the straits of Lake Erie.

N^o 215.

15th March 1744.

CHARLES MARQUIS OF BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On what has been represented to us by the Sieur Hertel Beaubassin, that he would wish to form a settlement on a land in the neighbourhood of Fort St. Frédéric, if we were pleased to grant him the concession thereof; to which having regard,

We, in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Hertel Beau-

basin an extent of land situate to the south of Fort St. Frédéric, of four arpents in front by the depth which may be found going as far as the bay of Fort St. Frédéric, bounded on the north by a line running east and west, forming the division line between the present concession and that heretofore granted to Louis Mocuier, on the south side by a line parallel to the former, joining the concession of Charles Labady, in front by the shore of the river of the said Fort St. Frédéric, and on the east by the bay of the said Fort, which said present concession was heretofore granted to one Pierre Boileau by title deed of the sixth September one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, and which we have preliminarily reunited and do hereby reunite to His Majesty's domain, seeing that it has been abandoned by the said Boileau; the said Sieur Hertel, his heirs and assigns to have and to hold and dispose of the said concession hereinabove described, as well as of the clearings, sowings, crops and other labor done by the said Boileau, subject to the following clauses, charges and conditions, to wit: that the said Sieur Hertel and his assigns shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill which His Majesty has lately caused to be erected or any other which may hereafter be erected, on pain of confiscation of the said grain and of a discretionary fine; that he shall cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year from this date the latest; that he shall give opening to his neighbours as they may require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, allow therein the roadways necessary for the public use, make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*), as it shall be settled, and pay every year to His Majesty's receiver in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk who may be established at the said place, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front, and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, and more over one half bushel of wheat for every forty arpents also in superficies, the whole payable each year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh November one thousand seven hundred and forty-four, and also continue from year to year, hereby remitting him from this, as well as at that time, three years of arrears of the said *cens et rentes* which would be due by him, and this in order to facilitate to the said Sieur Hertel the means of more advantageously carrying on his clearings; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes, défaut et amende*, and all other royal and seignioral rights, as the case may occur, agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; under the reservation of the oak and other timber fit for the building of the King's vessels, which he shall be held to preserve, His Majesty being at liberty to take on the said concession the other timber necessary for the building of forts, churches, presbyteries, mills and other civil buildings, which may hereafter be erected, His Majesty reserving to himself the property of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the extent of the said concession, and the said Sieur Hertel shall be held to execute the clauses mentioned in the present title-deed, and take a patent of confirmation of the same from His Majesty within two years; the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and forty-four.

Signed,

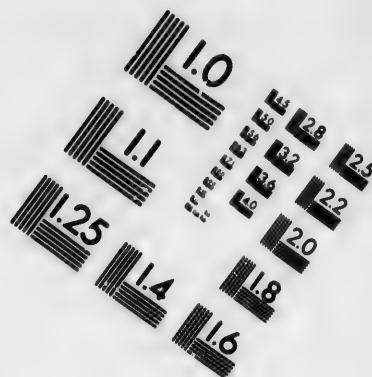
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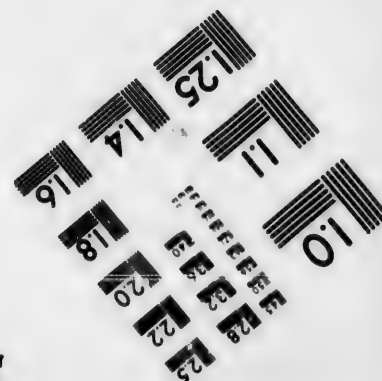
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CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Sieur Foucault, councillor in the supreme council of Quebec, first clerk of the navy, stating that on the representation which he had made to us during last year of the expences incurred and the work performed by him on a concession which was granted to him along the River Chambly, at Lake Champlain, the 3rd April 1733, confirmed by His Majesty the 6th April 1734, and reunited to his domain by our ordinance of the 10th May 1741, we were pleased to grant and concede to him *de novo*, on the first of May 1743, the same land and moreover one league in front of augmentation by the same depth, to be taken at the end of the said two leagues, ascending the said River Chambly; that he the petitioner, in order to give His Majesty new proofs of his zeal to contribute to the settlement of the said Lake Champlain and to induce more and more the inhabitants to take lands on his concession, has caused during this year a wind mill to be built of stone, which has cost him nearly 4000 *livres*, and placed three new settlers there to whom he has gratuitously given the food and utensils which they required; and moreover that there are eight inhabitants who are settled on the said concession and keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon since last year and who have made this year a sufficiently abundant harvest; that independently of the concessions made by the petitioner to his settlers, he has begun to form on the said grant a domain on which there is a clearing of ten to twelve arpents, together with a log house, and has also taken steps to cause a church of 40 feet long by 20 feet wide to be built, which shall be ready to receive a missionary next spring, to whom he has given, by deed passed before Maître Boucault, Notary, of the 22nd September last, a land of two arpents in front by forty in depth, forever, and subject to no dues whatever, to serve as a site for the said church, and for a presbytery and cemetery, and help to support and maintain the missionary who may officiate there, which said donation has been accepted by the Bishop of Quebec; and the said Sieur Foucault praying that, in consideration of what is hereinabove exposed, the truth of which we have been informed of, and that recently, by the undertakers of mason's and carpenter's work who have built the said mill, we may be pleased to grant him an augmentation of a neck of land or peninsula of about two leagues in front, joining the concession granted to him on the said first of May 1743, ascending the said River Chambly as far as the point called *Pointe du Détour*, which said extent of land had been granted to the Sieur de l'Isle, and was at the same time abandoned on account of the bad quality of the lands, amongst which there are notwithstanding some fit to be cultivated and which the petitioner would grant to laborious young men, the remainder being without any depth of soil and full of large stones; the said petition signed Foucault; having regard to the same and in consideration of the extensive works done by the said Sieur Foucault on the concession granted to him on the first May 1743,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Foucault the said neck of land or peninsula of about two leagues in front, to be taken from the line of the con-

cession made to him on the said first day of May 1743, ascending the said River Chambly as far as the point called *Pointe du Détour*; which said tract of land, together with the said concession of the first of May 1743, shall form but one and the same seigniory, under the title of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), etc. (The remainder as in the concession of the first of May 1743).

Given at Quebec, the first day of November 1744.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and

HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

HOCQUART.

N^o 233.

CHARLES MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, &c.

GILLES HOCQUART, &c.

On the petition which has been made to us by Robert Navarre, an inhabitant of Fort Pontchartrain on the straits of Lake Erié, to grant and concede to him a tract of land situated on the shore of the straits of Lake Erié, of three arpents in front by forty in depth, joining on one side towards the west-south-west the ungranted lands along the River à Campau, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, and on the other side towards the east-north-east by the banlieue of fort Pontchartrain, in front by the straits of Lake Erié, and in depth by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the ungranted lands;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth for ever, unto the said Robert Navarre, for him, his heirs and assigns, a tract of land situate on the straits of Lake Erié, along the River à Campau, containing three acres in front by forty in depth, bounded by the limes hereinabove described; to hold, enjoy, and dispose of the same by the said Navarre, his heirs and assigns under the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit: that the said Navarre, his heirs and assigns shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the *banal* mill as soon as there shall be one established, on pain of the confiscation of the said grain and of an arbitrary fine; that he shall keep or cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year at the latest; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbours as they may require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, leave therein the roadways which may be judged necessary to the public; that he shall make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*) as it shall be settled; that he shall pay each year to the receiver of His Majesty's domain, or to the said receiver's clerk who shall reside at Détroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in super-

scies, making for the said three arpents in front by forty in depth three *sols* of *cens* and six *livres* of *rente*, and moreover three fourths of a bushel of wheat for the said three arpents the whole payable every year on the festival day of St. Martin; the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty eight, and thus continue from year to year; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *défaut et amende*, and all other royal and seigniorial rights as the case may occur, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris: it shall however be at the said Navarre's option to pay the three *sols* of *cens* and six *livres* of *rentes* in furs, at the price of Détroit, until a current money shall have been established; reserving on the said land in the King's name all the timber which His Majesty may require for the framing and building of ships and forts which he may be hereafter built, as well as the property of the mines, cres and minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said concession, and the said Navarre, his heirs and assigns shall be held to cause the said concession to be immediately surveyed, measured and bounded in its whole width and depth at his expense, and execute the clauses mentioned in the present title-deed, and take a patent of confirmation by His Majesty within two years: the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Quebec, the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven.

Signed, BEAUHARNOIS, and
HOCQUART.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
HOCQUART.

N° 234.

ROLLAND MICHEL BARRIN, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Nicolas René Levasseur, builder of the King's ships in this colony, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of six leagues in front along the river Missiskouy, in lake Champlain, by three leagues in depth on both sides of the same, the said six leagues in front to be taken at a distance of eight arpents below the first fall situate three leagues up the said river, ascending the said river Missiskouy; the whole in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the said tract of land; having regard to the said petition,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Levasseur the said tract of

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In testimony whereof, &c.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

Signed

LA GALISSONNIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 235.

ROLLAND MICHEL BARRIN, Marquis de la Galissonière, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by François Rigaud, Esquire, Seignior of Vaudreuil, Knight of the royal and military order of St. Louis, King's lieutenant for the place and government of Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a concession of six leagues of land in front along the River Masca, by three leagues in depth, on both sides of the said river, the said six leagues in front to be taken at a distance of seven leagues from the mouth of the said river, where the last concession of land has been made ; the whole under the title of fief and seignior with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Vaudreuil the said extent of six leagues of land in front along the said River Masca by three leagues in depth on both sides of the same, as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Vaudreuil, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land ; and that he shall without delay satisfy us of the work which he shall have caused to be performed thereon between this and next fall, in default of which the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave thereon the King's highways and other roads deemed necessary for the public use, and shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the 23rd day of September 1748.

Signed, LA GALISSONNIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

A true copy,
BIGOT.

N° 236.

ROLLAND MICHEL BARRIN, Knight, Marquis de la Galissonnière, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Claude Antoine de Berment, Esquire, Seigneur of la Martinière, captain of one of the companies of infantry kept for His Majesty's service in this country, stating that at the end of the depth of the fief of Vitray, situated on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, by which it is bounded in front, on the north east side by the fief of Vincennes, and on the other side to the south west by that of the petitioner which is six leagues in depth, there remains a piece of unconceded land on which he has already spent considerable sums of money and which he is desirous of obtaining and continuing to settle with safety; wherefore he prays us to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, the said remaining piece of land, to be taken at the end of the depth specified in the title-deed of the fief of Vitray, by the whole width which may be found between the fiefs of Vincennes and Livaudière, which bound the tract of land prayed for on the north east, and that belonging to the petitioner, which bounds it on the south west, to the same depth of six leagues as the fief of the petitioner, the said petition signed Berment de la Martinière;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Martinière the extent of land which may be found from the end of the depth of the fief of Vitree, and which is included between the fiefs of Vincennes and Livaudière, on the north east, and that belonging to the petitioner on the south west, to the same depth of six leagues which the fief belonging to the said petitioner contains, as the said tract of land is hereinabove described; to be enjoyed by the said Sieur de la Martinière, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, on condition also that he shall preserve and

cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, and satisfy us without delay of the work which he shall have caused to be done thereon between this and next fall, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent 1st front by forty arpents in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec the eighteenth day of June, 1749.

Signed, LA GALISSONNIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 237.

THE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Demoiselle Louise de Ramesay Lagasse, praying that we would be pleased to grant her a concession of six leagues in front by six leagues in depth on the south side of Lake Champlain, to be taken one league above the River au Sable and five leagues below the said river; the whole under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Demoiselle de Ramesay the tract

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In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec the twenty-fifth day of October one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 238.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Daine, lieutenant general of the provostship of this City, to the effect that, whereas he intends to establish a seigniory on Lake

Champlain, we may be pleased to grant him an island situated in the said Lake Champlain, commonly called *la Grande Isle*, together with the islands, islets and beaches thereon depending, the whole under the title of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, which has been reunited to the King's domain by ordinance of Messieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart, dated the tenth day of May 1741, in default by Mr. de Contrecoeur, the father, to whom it had been granted, of having made any clearing thereon ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Daine the said island commonly called *la Grande Isle*, together with the islands, islets and beaches thereon depending ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country, and on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; reserving also, in His Majesty's name, the right of taking on the said grant the oak timber, masts, and generally all timber fit for the building and fitting out of His ships, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, etc.

Done at Quebec, the first day of November 1749.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

No 239.

Concession to M. de Lanaudière.

LE MARQUIS DE LA JONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Charles François Tarieu, Esquire, Sieur de Lanaudière, captain of infantry, stating that having the intention of establishing a seigniory in order to contribute to the extension of the colony, he prays us to grant him a seigniory on the river Maskinongé, at the end of the fief of Carufel, bounded by the Grand Sault, which may form about two leagues in front by the depth to be found going as far as the lake called Lake Maskinongé, including the said lake in its whole extent, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found in it; the whole under the title of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the said concession:

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de Lanaudière the said extent of land of two leagues in front, to be taken at the end of the fief of Carufel, by the depth which may be found going as far as the lake called Lake Maskinongé, including the said lake in its whole extent, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found within it; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Lanaudière, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default of which the said concession shall be and remain null and void; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and that should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber which maybe fit for the building and fitting out of his vessels, also

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without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 1st day of March 1750.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 240.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the demand which has been made of us by M. le Chevalier de Longueuil, Knight of the Royal and Military Order of St. Louis, King's lieutenant for the Town and Castle of Quebec, that we would grant and concede to him a land of twelve arpents in front by forty in depth, situate on the river called the Straits (Déroit) of Lake Erié, joining on one side towards the west-south-west the lands of the Huron Mission, on the other side towards the east-north-east the ungranted lands, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, in front by the said river, and in rear by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the ungranted lands ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede, under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth and for ever, unto the said Sieur de Longueuil, for him, his heirs and assigns hereafter, a concession of land situate on the Straits of Lake Erié, containing twelve arpents in front by forty in depth, bounded by the lines above described ; to be enjoyed and disposed of by the said Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil, his heirs and assigns, under the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit : that the said Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil, his heirs and assigns shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill, when one shall be established, on pain of confiscation of the said grain and of a discretionary fine ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year at the latest ; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbours as they may require it ; that he shall cultivate the said land, allow therein the roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*) as it shall be settled, and pay every year to His Majesty's receiver in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk residing at Détroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front, and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said twelve arpents in front by forty in

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depth twelve *sols* of *cens* and twenty-four *livres* of *rente*, the whole payable each year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh day of November one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *saisine et amende*, and all other royal and seignioral rights, when the same become due agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris; it shall however be at the option of the said Sieur de Longueuil to pay the said twenty-four *livres* of *rentes* and twelve *sols* of *cens* in furs, at the price of Détroit, until a current coin shall have been established; reserving in the King's name on the said habitation all the timber which His Majesty may require for such buildings and forts as he may hereafter cause to be erected, as well as the property of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; and the said Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil and his heirs and assigns shall be held to cause the said concession to be immediately surveyed, measured and bounded in its whole breadth and depth at his own cost, and to execute the clauses mentioned in the present title-deed, and get from His Majesty a patent of confirmation within two years, on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Quebec, the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one.

Signed and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 241.

THE MARQUIS OF LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Réaume, an inhabitant of Fort Pontchartrain on the Straits (Détroit) of Lake Erié, praying that we would grant him a tract of land of two arpents in front on the shore of the River Détroit, by forty in depth, joining on one side towards the east-north-east the land conceded to Eustache Gamelin, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, and on the other side towards the west-south-west by the banlieue of the fort, in front by the Straits of Lake Erié, and in depth by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the ungranted lands;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth for ever, unto the said Pierre Réaume, for him, his heirs and assigns hereafter, a concession of land situate on the Straits of Lake Erié, containing two arpents in front by forty in depth, bounded by the lines above described; to be enjoyed and disposed of by the said Pierre Réaume, his heirs and assigns, under the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit: that the said Réaume, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at

the banal mill when one shall have been erected, on pain of confiscation of the said grain and of a discretionary fine ; that he shall keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon within one year at the latest ; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbours as they may require it ; that he shall cultivate the said land, and leave thereon the roadways which may be found necessary for the public use ; that he shall make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*) as it shall be settled ; and that he shall pay every year to the receiver of the King's domain in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk who shall reside at Détroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front and twenty *sols* of *rentes* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said two arpents in front by forty arpents in depth two *sols* of *cens* and four *livres* of *rentes*, and moreover one half bushel of wheat for the said two arpents in front, the whole payable yearly on the festival day of St. Martin ; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *saisine et amende* and all other royal and seignioral rights, when the same become due agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ; it shall however be at the option of the said Pierre Réaume to pay the said four *livres* of *rentes* and two *sols* of *cens* in furs at the price of Détroit, until a current coin shall have been established ; hereby reserving in the King's name on the said habitation all the timber which His Majesty may require for the buildings and forts which he may hereafter erect, as well as the property of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said concession ; and the said Pierre Réaume, his heirs and assigns shall be held to cause the said concession to be immediately surveyed, measured and bounded in its whole breadth and depth at his own expence, and to execute the clauses mentioned in the present title, and obtain from His Majesty a patent of confirmation within two years, on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done and given at Quebec the first day of April, 1750.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 242.

20th April 1750.

THE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Jean Baptiste Le Ber, Esquire, Sieur de Senneville, ensign of infantry in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him an extent of ungranted land, situate at the depth of the seigniories of Sault St. Louis and Chateauguay, which is included between the seignioriy of Ville-Chauve and that of La Prairie de la

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Magdelaine, by one league and a half in depth, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ; having regard to the said petition,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Senneville the said extent of land hereinabove described, to be taken at the end of the seigniories of the Sault, by one league and a half in depth ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seignior with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; on condition &c. (The remainder as in the concession made to Mr. Daine.)

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 243.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Beaudry, Esquire, Sieur de Contrecoeur, captain of a company of the troops of the detachment of marines kept in this country for the King's service, stating that he has acquired from the heirs of the late M. Denoir a seignior commonly called St. Denis, on which he has spent considerable sums of money, the said seignior being nearly all under growing wood at the time he acquired it, and that besides it is too narrow and too limited as well in front as in depth to procure to his children an establishment sufficient to enable them worthily to serve His Majesty and their country, and he prays that we would be pleased to grant him the lands in rear of the said seignior of St. Denis which are not yet granted, to wit : four leagues in depth to be taken at the end of the two leagues in depth which the said seignior of St. Denis contains, on one side to the north east at the line of the seignior of the heirs of the late M. de St. Ours, and on the other side to the south west at the ungranted lands, the said augmentation as well in front as in depth to form with the said seignior of St. Denis but one and the same seignior of St. Denis ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly conferred upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Contrecoeur the lands in rear of the said seignior of St. Denis, which are not yet granted, to wit : four

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In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec, the second day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

No 244.

The 10th October 1750.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIERE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seing the petition presented to us by Mr. de Bonne, a retired captain of the regiment of infantry of Condé, and the Chevalier de Repentigny, ensign in the troops of this country, stating that, in the intention which they have of establishing a seignior, they have cast their eyes on a place called the Sault Ste. Marie; that settlements in that place would be so much the more useful as the voyageurs of the neighboring posts and the western sea would find there a secure retreat, and by the care and precautions which the petitioners intend to take, they would draw to those quarters the trade of the Indians with the English, wherefore they pray us to grant them the concession of the said Sault St. Marie, together with six leagues in front on the Portage, by six leagues in depth, bordering on the river which separates the two lakes; taking the premises into consideration,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieurs de Bonne and Chevalier de Repentigny the said Sault St. Marie, together with six leagues in front by six leagues in depth, bordering on the river which separates the two lakes; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieurs de Bonne and Repentigny, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting and fishing only, throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition also that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that they shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the jurisdiction of Montreal; that they shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by their tenants; that they shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void; that they shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they may grant to their tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth; that they shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, except those which they may want for their own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any part of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places and other public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all timber which may be found fit for the building and fitting out of his vessels, without being held to pay any in-

demnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof, &c.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 245.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Dame Geneviève de Ramesay, widow of the Sieur Boishebert, captain of infantry in this Country, stating that in her quality of *commune en biens* with the said late Sieur her husband and as natural tutrix of her children, she possesses, under the title of fief and seignior, a space of land of two leagues in front by one league and a half in depth, at the place called River Ouelle, which extent of land was granted to the late Sieur de la Bouteillerie, grantor of the said late Sieur Boishebert, by Mr. Talon, then intendant in this Country, on the 29th October 1672, on condition of settling and causing to be settled the said extent of land, which condition has been fulfilled as well by the said late Sieur de la Bouteillerie as by the said late Sieur Boishebert, in such a manner that the Inhabitants to whom concessions have been made are settled as far back as the depth of one league and a half granted by the said title of concession of 1672, and as the petitioner is desirous of further extending that seignior and placing new settlers in rear thereof, she prays us to grant her a concession of two leagues of land in front by a similar depth, to be taken at the end of the league and a half which her title gives her, to form together with the former concession of 1672 one and the same seignior, and under the same charges and rights as are attached thereto, which petition is signed Ramesay Boishebert ; having regard to the premises,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame de Boishebert, in her said quality of natural tutrix of her children, the said extent of two leagues of land in front by two leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of one league and a half which the said seignior of La Bouteillerie contains, to form together with the former concession of 1672 one and the same seignior ; to have and to hold the same unto her in her said quality, her heirs and assigns, subject to the same rights, charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in the said concession of 1672 ; the whole on pain of nullity of these pre-

sents, which the said Dame shall be held to have confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec, the 20th day of October 1750.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 246.

LE MARQUIS DE LA JONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Demoiselle Marie Josephe Gatineau Duplessis, stating that in 1712 the late Sieur Gatineau, her father, was put in possession of a seigniory called the Fief Gatineau, situated on Lake St. Peter, and that wishing to obtain a prolongation of the said fief, she prays us to grant her a title of concession, in her own name, of four leagues in depth, behind that of the said fief, on the same extent in front, to be enjoyed by her under the customary clauses and conditions ; having regard to the premises,

We, in virtue of the power conferred on us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and do grant and concede to the said Demoiselle Gatineau the said extent of land of four leagues in depth behind that of the said fief Gatineau and on the same front as the said fief ; to be enjoyed by her, her heirs and assigns in perpetuity, on condition, &c. (The remainder as in the concession granted to Mr. Daine).

At Quebec, the 21st October 1750.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 247.

THE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Pierre Le Page de St. Barnabé, Seigneur of the fief of Rimouski, stating that the late Sieur René Le Page, his father, acquired by an exchange

made with the late Augustin Rouer, Sieur de la Cardonnière, a fief of two leagues of land in front by two leagues in depth, together with the River Rimouski and others throughout the extent of the said tract of land, the same joining and bounded by the concession of Bic, belonging to the representatives of the late Sieur Devitré, descending the River St. Lawrence, as mentioned in the patent granted him by His Majesty on the 24th May 1689, and specified in the said deed of exchange dated the 10th July 1694; that there having been found on the south-west side of the said concesssion five fourths of a league in front which are not habitable, consisting only of steep rocks, the petitioner's father and himself have not made thereon any establishment, and have taken possession of a similar quantity of ungranted land in front, descending to the north-east as far as and including the Point of the Isle aux Pères, where the said late Sieur Le Page and the petitioner, his son, have granted concessions to divers settlers; that these settlements have been made since fifty-six years without any opposite claim having been set up by any person; wherefore the said Sieur Le Page prays that we would grant him an additional concession of the said extent of land of five fourths of a league in front by two leagues in depth, together with the rivers, islands and islets which may be found opposite the said tract of land, to be taken from the concession granted to the late Sieur Rouer de la Cardonnière, according to the patent of His Majesty dated the 24th May 1689, descending towards the north-east as far as and including the Point of the Isle aux Pères, so that the petitioner shall own three leagues and one fourth in front by two leagues in depth, the whole of which shall be bounded by the concession of the representatives of the late Sieur Devitré on the south-west, and on the north-east by the Point of the said Isle aux Pères; the said petition signed Le Page de St. Barnabé;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Le Page the said extent of land of five fourths of a league in front by two leagues in depth, as hereinabove described, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found opposite the same; the said extent of land of five fourths of a league in front by the said depth to form with the above two leagues in front but one and the same seigniory, under the same charges, clauses and conditions mentioned in the concession of the said two leagues made to the Sieur Rouer de la Cardonnière, by Messrs. Denonville and Champigny, heretofore governor and intendant in this Country, on the 24th April 1688, confirmed by His Majesty's patent of the 24th May 1689; and also on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec, the 11th day of March 1751.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 248.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by Nicolas Riou, part proprietor of the seigniority of Trois Pistoles, stating that having no other property to provide for his livelihood and that of a numerous family with which he is burthened but that part of a seigniority, he prays that we would be pleased to grant him an ungranted tract of land, which lies between the said seigniority of Trois-Pistoles, descending along the River St. Lawrence, and the lands belonging to the representatives of Mr. Aubert de la Chenaye, which may make about three leagues in front by four leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches opposite the said tract of land, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians within the extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted by His Majesty and under his pleasure, have granted and conceded and do grant and concede unto the said Nicolas Rioux the extent of unconceded land lying between the seigniority of Trois-Pistoles and the lands belonging to the representatives of the late Mr. de la Chenaye, by four leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches opposite the said tract of land ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country, and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery ; and should hereafter His Majesty require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in his Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his ships, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole

under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec, the 6th day of April 1751.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 249.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Joseph Deguir *alias* Desrosiers, captain of the militia of the seigniory of Yamaska, to the effect that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues or thereabouts in front by two in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of the seigniory of St. François, bounded on the north east side by the river St. François, on the south west by the line of the seigniory of the Dame Petit, in front by the rear line (*trait quarre*) of the said seigniory of St. François, and in rear by the ungranted lands, together with the river David which is within the extent of the said tract of land; to have and to hold the same under the title of fief and seigniory, with all the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haut, moyenne et basse justice*), and others attached thereto;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded unto the said Joseph Deguir *alias* Desrosiers the said extent of land hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*), and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default

whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highway, and other roads which may be judged necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditons to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to build thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak, masts and generally all timber fit for the building and fitting out of his ships, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 3rd day of September 1751.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 250.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the representations made to us by Monsieur l'Abbé Piquet, priest, missionary of the Indians of La Présentation, that in virtue of the permission which we gave him last year, he is building a saw mill on the river called La Présentation or Souegatz, with the view of contributing to the establishment of that new mission, but that for the usefulness of the said mill it is necessary that there should be attached thereto a tract of land in the neighborhood, on which to receive the saw logs as well as the boards and other lumber, wherefore he prays that we would grant him a concession *en censive* of one arpent and a half in front on the said river, that is to say, three fourths of an arpent on each side of the said mill, by one arpent and a half in depth ; having regard to the premises,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Abbé Piquet the said extent of land of one arpent and a half in front by the same depth, as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto him and his assigns in full property for ever, on condition that the said tract of land and the mill erected thereon cannot be sold or given to

any persons holding in mort-main (*gens de main morte*), in which case His Majesty shall réenter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said tract of land and mill; also on condition of the yearly payment of five *sols* of *rente* and six *deniers* of *cens*, payable to His Majesty's domain on the festival day of St. Remy, the first of October each year, the first payment of which shall become due on the 1st October of next year, 1752, the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *saisine et amende*, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; and that he shall have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

At Quebec, the 10th of October 1751.

Signed,

LAJONQUIERE and

BIGOT.

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BIGOT.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF INTENDANCE, N° 10.

N° 251.

IERE: and

20th January 1752.—*Concession to Mr. Dumont, of 4 leagues in front by 3 in depth, in rear of the seigniority of the Thousand Islands (Mille Isles).*

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, etc.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Dumont, retired captain of the marines in this Country, by which he prays us to grant him a concession under the title of seigniority, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), of four leagues and a half or thereabouts in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of, and on the same front as the concession granted by Messrs. the Marquis de Vaudreuil and Begon to the Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit, on the 5th March 1714, which said first concession had been heretofore granted by Messieurs de la Barre and Demeulle to the Sieur Du Guay, captain of infantry, on the 24th September 1683, and is situated and bounded running from the place where the concession of the Sieur Daulier-Deslandes on the River Jesus finishes to the River Duchesne, including the same, which makes a front of four leagues and a half by three leagues in depth ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Dumont the said extent of land of four leagues and a half in front by three leagues in depth, to commence at the end of the depth of, and with the same front as the concession granted to the Sieurs de Langloiserie and Petit, by Messieurs de Vaudreuil and Begon ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Dumont, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seigniority, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established there shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the

King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and *dues* for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free for all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect ~~the same~~ forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, ~~woods~~ and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his ships, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Signed, LAJONQUIÈRE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

At Quebec, the 20th day of January 1752.

True copy.

252.

20th January 1752.—Concession to Mr. de St. Ours, of $4\frac{1}{2}$ leagues in depth, in rear of the seigniory of the widow du Chesne.

LE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by Roch de St. Ours, esquire, Sieur des Chaillons, captain of infantry in this country, stating that, being already in possession of the seigniory of River du Chesne, which is in great part settled, and the land in rear of his said seigniory being at his convenience to induce the families and children of his old settlers to form new settlements and to extend, agreeably to His Majesty's intentions, the cultivation of the lands in this country, he prays that we would grant him a new concession up the said River du Chesne, on the same front as his said seigniory by four leagues and a half in depth, the said depth to be taken at the end of the league and a half which the said seigniory contains;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur des Chaillons the said extension of land hereinabove described, to form with the aforesaid seigniory but one and the same concession; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with superior, mean and inferior

jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in the country ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary rents and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery ; and should hereafter His Majesty require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his vessels, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

At Quebec, the 20th day of January 1752.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 253.

LE BARON DE LONGUEUIL, &c.,

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the demand which has been made of us by Mr. Douville Dequindre, to grant and concede to him the *Isle aux Cochons*, situated in Lake Erie above the Fort of Détroit, of about half a league in length by 20 arpents in width ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given and conceded, and do give and concede, under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth for ever,

unto the said Sieur Dequindre the said Isle aux Cochons hereinabove described ; to hold, enjoy and dispose of the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, subject to the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit : that the said Sieur Dequindre, his heirs and assigns shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill, when one shall have been established, on pain of the confiscation of the said grain and of an arbitrary fine ; that he shall keep or cause to be kept therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year at the latest ; that he shall cultivate the said land ; leave therein the roadways which may be judged necessary ; and pay each year to the receiver of His Majesty's domain in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk residing at Detroit, two *sols* of *cens* and four *livres* of *rente*, and moreover one bushel of wheat for the whole of the said concession ; the whole payable each year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the 11th day of November 1754, the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *saisine et amende*, with all royal and seigniorial rights, when the same become due, agreeably to the Custom of Paris ; it shall however be at the said Dequindre's option to pay the said four *livres* of *rentes* and two *sols* of *cens* in furs at the price of Detroit, until a current coin shall have been established ; reserving in the King's name, on the said island hereby conceded, all the timber which His Majesty may require for the buildings and forts which he may erect hereafter, as well as the property of mines and minerals if any should be found within the extent of the said Isle aux Cochons ; and the said Sieur Dequindre shall be held to execute the conditions set forth in the present title-deed, and have the same confirmed by His Majesty within two years, on pain of nullity of these presents.

Signed,

LONGUEUIL, and

BIGOT.

Done at Québec, the 12th day of June 1752.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N° 254.

12th June 1752.—To Messieurs Desgrais and Maricourt, 3 leagues in front by 3 leagues in depth, in the Bay of Catarakouy.

LE BARON DE LONGUEUIL, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Desgrais and Maricourt, praying that we would be pleased to grant them a tract of land of about 3 leagues in front by as much in depth, situate on the River Catarakouy, on the north side thereof, to be taken from and including the *Pointe-aux-Iroquois* as far as and including the point called *La Grosse-Pointe de la Galette*, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said tract of land ; to have and to hold the same under the title of fief and seigniority, with the

right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Desgrais and Maricourt the said extent of land hereinabove described, of three leagues in front by as much in depth, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and on condition that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that they shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that they shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*), and cause the same to be kept by their tenants ; that they shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that they shall leave therein the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and that they shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which they may grant to their tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that they shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which they may want for their own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon, forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the firewood for the garrisons of the said forts, without any indemnity ; hereby reserving also, in His Majesty's name, the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all timber which may be necessary for the building and fitting out of His Majesty's ships, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 12th day of June 1752.

Signed,

LONGUEUIL, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 255.

20th September 1752.—To Mr. Péan, of a tract of land in two parts, in rear of Beaumont, St. Michel and Livaudière.

LE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by Michel Jean Hugues Péan, Esquire, captain of infantry and assistant major of the town and government of Quebec, stating that he is in possession of the seigniory of St. Michel, situate on the River St. Lawrence, of one league and a half in front by four leagues in depth, and of another seigniory called Livaudière, of three fourths of a league in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the fief of Vincennes, which is one league in depth; that it is His Majesty's intention that those seigniories should make only one, as it appears by the title of concession of the above three fourths of a league in front, but that they are separated by the seigniory of Beaumont, which contains only two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, so that there is an ungranted tract of land in rear of the last mentioned seigniory, having the same front as it, by one league in depth, to join the rear line (*trait quarré*) of the said seigniories of St. Michel and Livaudière, and by means of which said tract of land the petitioner would make a communication between his said two seigniories; and as it is his intention to settle the said portion of land and the depths of his said seigniories, he prays us that we would grant and concede to him the aforesaid tract of land of two leagues in front by one league in depth, to be taken in rear of the said seigniory of Beaumont, and which is included between the lines of the seigniories of St. Michel and Livaudière, and moreover four leagues and a quarter or thereabouts in front by three leagues in depth of the said seigniories of St. Michel and Livaudière, and of the tract of land thus prayed for, so that the petitioner shall possess the said seigniory of St. Michel by seven leagues in depth, then two leagues in front to be taken at the end of the seigniory of Beaumont, by four leagues in depth, and the seigniory of Livaudière, of three fourths of a league in front by six leagues in depth, the said seigniories already possessed by him and the tract of land above prayed for to form but one and the same seigniory, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said tract of land, and subject to the customary rights and dues;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and under his pleasure, have by these presents given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Péan the ungranted tract of land in rear of the seigniory of Beaumont, and which is included between the lines of the seigniory of St. Michel on the N. E., and of that of Livaudière on the S. W., making two leagues in front by two leagues in depth only, which league in depth joins the rear line of the said seigniories of St. Michel and Livaudière, and moreover four leagues and a fourth in front or thereabouts by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of the seigniory of St. Michel, of the hereinabove granted two leagues, and of the seigniory of Livaudière, which said extent of four leagues and a quarter or thereabouts in front shall be bounded in front by the rear line of St. Michel, of the hereinabove granted two leagues of land, and of Livaudière, in rear by a straight and parallel line joining the ungranted lands, on the N. E. by the continuation of the division line of the sei-

gueries of St. Valier and St. Michel, and on the S. W. also by the continuation of the division line of the said seigniority of Livaudière and of that lately granted to Madame La Martinière ; which tracts of land of two leagues in front by one league in depth, and of four leagues in front by three leagues in depth, hereinabove described, shall form together with the seigniories of St. Michel and Livaudière, already belonging to the petitioner, but one and the same seigniority ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniority, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; and shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared, in default of which the said concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth ; that he shall allow the beaches to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of that which he may require for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, arsenals, magazines and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works, and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber which may be fit for the building and fitting out of his vessels, also without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have, these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 20th day of September 1752.

Signed,

DUQUESNE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 256.

29th September 1752.—To Mr. Demuy, 3 leagues in front by 4 in depth on Lake Champlain.

LE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by Jacques Pierre Demuy, esquire, Sieur de Muy, captain of infantry in Canada, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, on Lake Champlain, an extent of land of three leagues in front by four leagues in depth, to be taken from the Great River aux Loutres, including the same, descending towards the north-east along the said Lake Champlain, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Demuy the said hereinabove described tract of land of three leagues in front by four leagues in depth, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this Country ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty arpents depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen with the exception of that which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his vessels,

likewise without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 28th day of September 1752.

Signed,

DUQUESNE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 257.

1st November 1752.—*To Mr. Bedou, 2½ leagues in front by three leagues in depth, along the River Chambly.*

LE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the petition presented to us by the *Sieur Bedou*, councillor in the superior council of Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a tract of land of two leagues or two leagues and a half in front by three leagues in depth, along the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, including the River Chazy, the front of the said tract of land to be taken from the boundary of the seigniori recently conceded to the *Sieur de Beaujeu*, going as far as one league from the mouth of the River Chazy, on the south side thereof, together with the portion of the River Chazy which may be found within the extent of the said tract of land, which shall be bounded by a line running north and south, passing through the mouth of the said River Chazy, by three leagues in depth, and moreover the whole of the tract of land which may be found beyond the said line on the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, and also the Isle à la Mothe, which is opposite thereto in the said lake ; which said concession was heretofore granted to the late Mr. Péan, in his life time major of Quebec, and reunited to the King's domain by ordinance of Messieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart, bearing date the 10th May 1741 ; the whole under the title of fief and seigniori with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians as well opposite as within the limits of the said tract of land ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Bedou* the said extent of land as hereinabove described, which shall be bounded on the north and south sides by two lines drawn east and west, in front by the River Chambly and Lake Champlain, and in rear at a distance of three leagues, joining the unconceded lands, by a line drawn north

and south, parallel to that which shall run through the mouth of the River Chazy, and moreover the island called Isle à la Mothe, situated opposite the said tract of land in Lake Champlain ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country, and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of that which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his ships, likewise without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

Signed, DUQUESNE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 258.

Quebec, May 16th.—To M. Dequindre, 8 arpents in front by 60 in depth, on the border of the River Détroit.

THE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

On the demand made of us by the Sieur Dequindre that we would grant and concede to him a land of eight arpents in front, situate on the border of the River Détroit, to be taken

from and including the River à Beaujour, descending along the said River Détroit, by sixty arpents in depth ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth for ever, unto the said Sieur Dequindre, for him, his heirs and assigns hereafter, a concession of land along the River Détroit at a distance of about half a league from the Forts of the PstetSatumis, containing eight arpents in front by sixty in depth, as hereinabove described ; to be held, enjoyed and disposed of by the said Sieur Dequindre, his heirs and assigns, under the following charges, clauses and conditions, to wit : that the said Sieur Dequindre, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to carry their grain to be ground at the banal mill of Fort Pontchartrain of Détroit, when one shall have been built, on pain of confiscation of the said grain and of an arbitrary fine ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) within one year at the latest ; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbours as they may require it ; that he shall cultivate the said land ; that he shall leave therein the roadways necessary for the public use ; that he shall make the division fences (*clôtures mitoyennes*) as it shall be settled ; and that he shall pay every year to the receiver of His Majesty's domain in this country, or to the said receiver's clerk residing at Détroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each arpent in front and twenty *sols* of *rentes* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said eight arpents in front by sixty arpents in depth eight *sols* of *cens* and twenty-four *livres* of *rentes*, and moreover two bushels of wheat for the said eight arpents in front, the whole payable every year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first payment whereof shall be made on the said festival day of St. Martin next year, one thousand seven hundred and forty-four ; the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*, *saisine et amende* and all other royal and seignioral rights, when the same become due according to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ; it shall however be at the option of the said Sieur Dequindre to pay the said twenty-four *livres* of *rentes* and eight *sols* of *cens* in furs at the price of Détroit, until a current coin shall have been established ; hereby reserving in the King's name on the said land all the timber which His Majesty may require for the building and erecting of such public buildings and forts as he may hereafter establish, and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, as well as the property of the mines, ores and minerals, if any should be found within the extent of the said concession ; and the said Sieur Dequindre, his heirs and assigns shall be held immediately to cause the said concession to be surveyed, measured and bounded in its whole length and breadth at his expence, and execute the clauses set forth in the present title deed, and take from His Majesty a patent of confirmation of the same within two years, on pain of nullity of these presents.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec the 16th day of May, 1753.

Signed,

DUQUESNE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N.-B.—There are several other concessions registered in the Registers of Intendance in which reference is made to the conditions mentioned in the preceding grants.

THO. AMIOT,
Deputy. Regr.

Nº 259.

October 11th.—To M. Perthuis, concession of one league and a half in front by 9 leagues in depth, in rear of the fief of Portneuf.

THE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Sieur Joseph Perthuis, councillor in the supreme council of this country, stating that in rear of the seigniori of Portneuf, containing one league and a half in front on the River St. Lawrence, by three leagues in depth, there are lands very favorable to place settlers upon, wherefore he prays that we would be pleased to grant him nine leagues in depth in rear of the said seigniori, with the same front ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Perthuis the said tract of land of one league and a half in front by nine leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the three leagues in depth of the said seigniori of Portneuf ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the title of fief and seigniori, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said seigniori ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the provostship of Quebec ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null ; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary for the public use, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all persons with the exception of that which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire

wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity ; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, masts and generally all other timber which may be necessary to him for the building and fitting out of his ships, without being held to pay any indemnity ; the whole under the will and pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec the 11th day of October, 1753.

Signed, DUQUESNE, and
BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,
BIGOT.

N^o 260.

LE MARQUIS DUQUESNE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Sieur Cressé, the son, assistant builder of His Majesty's ships, by which he prays us to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, a tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, lying and being at the end of the seignior commonly called *Bay St. Antoine* or *du Fevre*, on the border of Lake St. Peter, which seignior contains two leagues or thereabouts in front, along the said lake, by two leagues only in depth, and is included between the fief of the Sieur Cressé, the petitioner's father, on the north-east, and another fief belonging to the Sieur Lussaudière, on the south-west ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Cressé the said tract of land of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth, to be taken at the end of the depth of the said fief of Bay St. Antoine, as hereinabove described ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals which may be

found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established there shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void; that he shall leave the King's highways and other roadways necessary to the public, and cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, subject to the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent of land in front by forty in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may require for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said tract of land to erect hereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it, as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity, as well as the timber which may be necessary for the building of his ships; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and forty-four.

Signed, DUQUESNE, and

BIGOT.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N° 261.

20th July 1755.—To Mr. de Villemonde, of 4 leagues in front by 4 leagues in depth on Lake Champlain.

PIERRE RIGAUD DE VAUDREUIL, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by Louis Liennard de Beaujeu, Esquire, Sieur de Villemonde, captain of infantry, praying that we would be pleased to grant him under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians, a tract of land on Lake Champlain, to be taken at the boundary of the seignior of the Sieur Estèbe, running towards the east as far as the River St. Anars, including the same, which makes about four leagues in front by four leagues in depth, together with the islands and islets which may be found opposite the said concession; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold

under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; and on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession; that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of Montreal; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*), and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, in default whereof the present concession shall be and remain null and void; that he shall leave therein the King's highways and other roadways which may be found necessary for the public use, and that he shall cause the same conditions to be inserted in the concessions which he may grant to his tenants, under the customary *cens et rentes* and dues for each arpent in front by forty in depth; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of those which he may want for his own fishery; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said land to erect thereon forts, batteries, military places, stores and public works, His Majesty shall have the right of taking it as well as the timber necessary for the said works and the fire-wood for the garrisons of the said forts, without being held to pay any indemnity; hereby reserving also in His Majesty's name the right of taking on the said concession the oak timber, mats and generally all the timber fit for the building and fitting out of his ships, without being held to pay any indemnity; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done at Quebec, the 20th day of July 1755.

Signed,

VAUDREUIL,

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 262.

Title of the Fief of the Beauregard Islands.

GRANTED TO ANDRÉ JARET, SIEUR DE BEAUREGARD.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, Count de Frontenac, one of His Majesty's Councillors in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

André Jaret, Sieur de Beauregard, residing in the Seigniorship of Verchère, having prayed that we might be pleased to grant him in fief and seigniorship three small islands one of which

is situate near the island called *Ile Longue*, belonging to the Sieur de Verchère, his brother, and opposite the end of the said seigniory, ascending the River St. Lawrence, and the other two a little further up on the same line, facing the little islands belonging to the concession made to the Sieur de Grand-Maison, on one of which said three small islands he is desirous of erecting a dwelling to reside thereon,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Beaugard the three small islands one of which is opposite the end of the seigniory of the Sieur Verchère, ascending, and the other two on the same line facing the islands belonging to Sieur de Grand-Maison; to hold, enjoy and dispose of the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, as he may deem meet, with all the rights of fief and seigniory, and cause the same to be well cultivated and settled as far as their extent will permit, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of Quebec, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the seventeenth day of August, one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

Without a flourish.

And lower down,

By command of Mylord,

LE CHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

The above title of concession has been confirmed by an order of the King's council of state, of the tenth day of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, and registered in the office of the supreme council (*conseil souverain*) at Quebec, in order that reference may be had thereto in case of need, on the nineteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty-five.

Signed,

PEUVRET,

With a flourish.

Signed,

BÉGON.

N^o 263.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, one of His Majesty's Councillors in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other countries in North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Verchère, praying that we may be pleased to grant him one league of augmentation in depth of his seigniorie of Verchère, and to join and incorporate it with the said seigniorie, the lands of the said seigniorie being but little fit for cultivation ;

We, in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty jointly with Mr. Duchesneau, one of His Majesty's councillors in his councils, and intendant of justice, police and finances in this country, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de Verchère has rendered in this said country, where he came as ensign in the regiment of Carignan, and which we hope he will continue to render hereafter, have, to the said Sieur de Verchère, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede the said extent of one league of land to be taken in rear of his said land and seigniorie of Verchère, which shall remain united and joined together ; to have and to hold the said tract of land, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the charges, clauses and conditions stipulated in the deed of concession of the said seigniorie granted to him by Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant in this country, dated the twenty-ninth October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the eighth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight.

Signed,

DE FRONTENAC.

N^o 264.

LOUIS DE BUADE FRONTENAC, Chevalier, Count de Palluau, one of His Majesty's Councillors in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France ;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Verchère, Ensign, setting forth that Monsieur Talon, heretofore Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in this Country, did, in His Majesty's name, grant him a concession on the River St. Lawrence, opposite which

there were two Islands, one of which is call'd *L'Isle-aux-Prunes*, and the other *L'Isle-Longue*, which could only be fit for pasture, on account of their being inundated the greater part of the year, and so low that it would be impossible to form any settlement thereon, and praying that, considering the advantages which the pasturing of cattle would give him for the improvement of his settlement, we might be pleased to grant him the said islands, and to add them to title of concession obtained by him of his said land ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the petitioner has rendered to His Majesty, and the affection with which he continues to serve him, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur de Verchère* the two islands, one of which is called *L'Isle-aux-Prunes*, and the other *L'Isle-Longue*, which are opposite the front of his concession ; to have and to hold unto the said *Sieur de Verchère*, his heirs and assigns, the said two islands, subject to the same clauses, charges and conditions as stipulated in the deed of concession granted to him by the said *Sieur Talon*, the 29th day of October 1672, and on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the sixth day of August, one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

Sealed.

And lower down,

By command of Mylord,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

BEGON.

N^o 265.

Title of the Seigniori of Gentilly.

THE SIEUR POISSON.

This 14th day of August 1676, in the forenoon, at our hotel in the town of Three Rivers,

Appeared before us Michel Pelletier, *Sieur de la Prade*, who represented to us that he is in possession of a tract of land called *Gentilly*, situated on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, containing two leagues and a half in front, joining on one side the property of the *Sieur Hertel*, and on the other side the ungranted lands, to wit: of one league and three

fourth by a deed granted to him by Mr. Boutroue, then Intendant for the King in this country, on the 17th day of June 1669, promising to grant him in His Majesty's name a title of concession thereof, provided the said lands were not granted to any others, and by the purchase which he has made from Félix Thunaye, Sieur Dufresne, surgeon, and Elizabeth Lefevre, his wife, of one fourth of a league of land in front by one league in depth, by deed passed before Delatouche, then notary at the Cap de la Magdeleine, on the 18th day of April 1669, and ratified by the said Elizabeth Lefevre, when she became of lawful age, by another deed passed before Arneou, notary, in this town of Three Rivers, on the 11th day of March 1671, to which said Thunaye and his wife the said one fourth of a league belonged as having been ceded to them by Pierre Lefevre, father of the said Elizabeth, by deed passed before the said Delatouche, notary, on the 11th day of July 1668, to whom it had been granted and conceded by the Company of New France, then proprietors of this Country, by title-deed of the 16th day of April 1647, signed, for the said Company, Lamy, holding of and depending on (*mouvant et relevant*) the Fort of Quebec, and subject to the payment of one *denier* of *cens* for each arpent only when under cultivation (*en valeur*), by purchase from Nicholas Marsollet, Sieur de St. Aignon, and Marie Lebarbier, his wife, of half a league of land in front by two leagues in depth, by deed passed before Rageot, royal notary at Quebec, the 23rd day of October 1671, to which Sieur de St. Aignon the said half league of land had been granted and conceded by the said Company on the 16th April 1647, under the title of fief and in full property as a seigniory holding of Quebec, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de St. Aignon his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at Quebec aforesaid, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris; the said Sieur de la Prade praying that we may be pleased to grant and concede to him the said league and three fourths of land in front by two leagues in depth, promised to him by Monsieur Boutroue in his writing above dated, and to give him titles thereof, subject to such rights and charges as we may be pleased, and that in the said titles may be joined and included the purchases which he has made from the said Sieurs de St. Aignon, Dufresne and their wives, in order that the said places may form in future but one and the same fief and seigniory, and to take into consideration the great expense incurred by him on the said lands, amounting to upwards of fifteen thousand *livres*, as well in causing part thereof to be cleared and cultivated as in building thereon a house and other buildings in which he resides with his family since the said permission was granted, and also that the greatest part of the said lands are inhabited by divers persons to whom he has conceded them subject to *cens et rentes*; considering the said deed of Monsieur Boutroue and the above dated contracts,

We, under His Majesty's pleasure, have united and by these presents do unite the said three places into one and the same which shall hereafter be called "Gentilly," which does and shall comprise two leagues and a half in front on the River St. Lawrence, commencing at the property of the said Sieur Hertel, descending the said river, and two leagues in depth, which we do by these presents give, grant and concede to the said Sieur de la Prade, to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the title of fief, justice and seigniory, subject to the charge of fealty and homage which the said Sieur de la Prade, his heirs and assigns shall be held to render at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec aforesaid, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be

established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of this town of Three Rivers; that the said Sieur de la Prade shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniory; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found in the said places, fit for the building of vessels; that he shall give notice to the King of all the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found on the said fief, and that he shall leave on the same all necessary roadways and passages; and act is hereby granted to the said Sieur de la Prade that he has this day, in our hands, rendered to our Lord the King the fealty and homage wvhich he is bound to render and perform on account of the said seigniory of Gentilly, in conformity with these presents, in his quality of vassal, to which we have admitted and by these presents do admit him, saving in all things the rights of the King and all others, and he has made oath to well and faithfully serve the King and inform us or our successors if he learn that any thing be done against His Majesty's service, and we have discharged him, for this time only, from the obligation of going to the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec aforesaid, and on condition of his giving, within forty days, his *aveu et dénombrement* according to the said Custom, and the said Sieur de la Prade has signed.

Signed,

MICHEL PELLETIER,
DUCHESNEAU.

Nº 266.

LOUIS DE BUADE, count de Frontenac, one of the King's councillors in his (state and privy) councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries in North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Louis Gagné *alias* Bellavance, an inhabitant of this country, stating that Mr. Talon, heretofore intendant of justice, police and finances of this country, conceded to him and Nicolas Gamache, under the title of fief and seigniory, one half league of land by one league in depth, to commence running on the River St. Lawrence from the concession granted to the Demoiselle Amyot, going towards that granted to the Sieur Fournier, praying that in addition to the part and portion which may belong to him of the concession to him and the said Gamache, we may be pleased to grant him ten arpents of land in front, to commence running from the said concession, ascending the said river, through the unconceded lands, towards that of the Sieur Fournier, by one league in depth, to be united and incorporated with what may belong to him of the said concession :

We, in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Bellavance ten arpents of land in front, to commence running from the said concession, ascending the said River, in the unconceded lands separating the said concession from that which belongs to the Sieur Fournier, by one league in depth, the whole to be and remain united and incor-

porated with the part and portion which may belong to him of the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, subject to the same charges, clauses and conditions as contained in the title-deed granted to him and the said Gamache, dated the third November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the third day of September, one thousand six hundred and seventy-five.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By His Lordship's command,

LECHASSEUR.

And sealed with his seal at arms.

N^o 267.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, one of the King's Councillors in his (state and privy) councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France ; and

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, also one of the King's Councillors in his councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Countries.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Michel Cressé, praying that it may please us to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, the Isle de la Fourche, situated in the River Cressé, together with the islands and islets which are in the said river, as far as the end of the said isle, with an augmentation of three leagues in depth of the lands which are in rear of the whole breadth of his said seignior, and the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly bestowed upon us by His Majesty, have, to the said Sieur Cressé, given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede the said Isle de la Fourche, situated in the River Cressé, together with the islands and islets lying and being in the said river, as far as the end of the said Isle, with an augmentation of three leagues in depth of the lands which are in rear of the whole breadth of his said seignior ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns hereafter, in fief and seignior, with the right of fishing and hunting within the limits of the said places, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Cressé, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be provisionally followed in this respect, until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and also that he shall keep house and home (*feu*

et (sic) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof he shall of right resume the possession of the same, and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found fit for the building of vessels, within the limits of the said places; that he shall notify the King and us of any mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and shall leave and cause to be kept all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto.

Given at Quebec, the fourth November one thousand six hundred and eighty.

Signed, FRONTENAC, and
 DUCHESNEAU.

N2 268.

Titles of the Seigniority of l'Isle Verte.

J. BTE. COSTE.

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre aforesaid, one of the King's Councillors in his (state and privy) Councils, Governor General of all the countries of New France and Acadia;

AND DEMEULLES, Seignior of la Source, Knight, one of the King's Councillors in his Councils, Intendant of justice, police and finances in the said countries;

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that on the humble petition made to us by the Sieur de Villeray, first councillor in the supreme council of this country, praying that we might be pleased to grant him, for and in favor of Augustin Rouër, esquire, Sieur de la Cardonnière, and Louis Rouer, esquire, Sieur d'Artigny, his children, an extent of two leagues of land, meadow and forest, in front on the River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth towards the interior, to commence running from a river which is opposite Green Island (l'Isle Verte), on the south side of the said Island, the said river included, and continue as far as two leagues down the said River St. Lawrence, together with the shoals, islands and islets which are situated opposite the said two leagues as far as Green Island aforesaid, the same also included:

We, in virtue of the power upon us jointly bestowed by His Majesty, and wishing to deal favorably with the said Sieur de Villeray, have, to the said Sieurs de la Cardonnière and d'Artigny, his children, given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede the said extent of two leagues of land, meadow and forest, in front on the River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth towards the interior, to commence running from a river which is situated opposite Green Island, on the south side thereof, the said river included, and continue as far as two leagues down the said River St. Lawrence, together

with the shouls, inland and islets, which are situate opposite the said two leagues, as far as Green Island aforesaid, the same also included ; and although it does appear that the said two leagues of land have been heretofore conceded, more than thirty years ago, to divers individuals who have never since then taken possession of the same, nor made any clearings or performed any work thereon, and have by that reason acquired no right of property in the same, and such conduct being contrary to His Majesty's intentions, as appears by the decrees of his council of the fourth June one thousand six hundred and seventy-two and ninth May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, on the subject of the forfeiture (*retranchement*) of concessions,

We, as far as is or may be necessary, have reunited the whole to the King's domain, and in consequence of the said reunion, have furthermore given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieurs de la Cardonnière and d'Artigny the said tract of land hereinabove specified, to have and to hold the same, themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, for ever, in full property, under the title of fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with all the rights of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the lands on the south shore, and others which are enjoyed by and have been conceded to the owners of the neighboring lands on the said south shore, and even that of carrying on the said fishery and hunting to the exclusion of all other persons ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieurs de la Cardonnière and d'Artigny and their successors shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and that the appeals from the decisions of the judges who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the provostship of this city ; and also, that they shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) thereon, and cause the same to be kept by their tenants on the concessions which they may grant them, and in default thereof they shall of right resume the possession of the same ; and that the said Sieurs de la Cardonnière and d'Artigny shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found fit for ship building within the said limits ; that they shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, and that they shall leave and cause to be left thereon all necessary roadways and passages ; subject also to the condition that they shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared and inhabited, and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years, to be computed from the date of these presents, in default whereof the said concession shall be null and void ; under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within the said time.

In testimony whereof we have signed the same, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-seventh April, one thousand six hundred and eighty-four.

Signed,

LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, and
DEMEULLES.

And lower down,

By command of Their Lordships,

REGNAULT.

N^o 269.*Title of the Seigniority of Kamouraska.*

THE SIEUR HICHÉ.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, one of the King's Councillors in his councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de la Durantaye, praying that we might be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seigniority, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), three leagues of land in front on the River St. Lawrence, to wit: two leagues above the river called Kamouraska, and one league below, the said river included, by two leagues in depth towards the interior, together with the small islands which are situated in the said River St. Lawrence opposite the said three leagues, and the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land, on which he has already caused some work to be done for the establishment of a sedentary fishery, according to the written permission which he had from us on the thirtieth October one thousand six hundred and seventy-three, until we should have granted him a title of concession ;

We, in virtue of the power bestowed upon us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the services rendered to his said Majesty by the said Sieur de la Durantaye in this country, where he came as captain of a company in the regiment of Carignan, and of those which we hope he will continue to render hereafter, have, to the said Sieur de la Durantaye, given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede three leagues of land in front on the River St. Lawrence, to wit: two leagues above the river called Kamouraska and one league below, the said river included, by two leagues in depth towards the interior, together with the small islands which are opposite the said three leagues, and the right of hunting and fishing within the said limits ; to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, in fief, seigniority, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Durantaye, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; also that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of the royal provostship of Quebec ; and moreover that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same ; that the said Sieur de la Durantaye shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber which may be found within the said extent of land, fit for the building of vessels ; that he shall give notice to the King of all mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein, and shall allow and cause to be kept all necessary roads and passages ;

the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries, and our seal at arms to be affixed thereto.

Given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of July, one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And below is written,

By His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

N° 270.

Title of the Fief of the Côte de Lauzon.

CHARREST.

The Company of New France to all present and future, greeting.

Our desire of increasing the colony in New France inducing us to receive all those who are able to assist us in that praiseworthy undertaking, and wishing, for the purpose of further inviting them thereto, to gratify them with some portions of the lands granted to us by the King, after having been certified of the good intentions of the noble Messire Simon Le Maitre, King's councillor, receiver general of the tithes (*decimes*) in Normandy ;

We, for these and other causes moving us thereto, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Sieur Le Maitre the space and extent of land following, that is to say : the River Bruyante, situate in the said country of New France, with six leagues in depth towards the interior, and three leagues on each side of the said river, to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Le Maitre, his successors or assigns, in property, jurisdiction and seignior, for ever, with the same rights as it has pleased His Majesty to grant the country of New France to the said Company, subject nevertheless to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Le Maitre, his successors or assigns shall be held to perform at the Fort of St. Louis in Quebec, or at any other place which may be appointed by the said Company, by one liege homage (*hommage-lige*) on each and every change of proprietor of the said tract of land, with a gold coin (*maille d'or*) weighing half an ounce, and one year's revenue of that part which the said Sieur Le Maitre shall have reserved to himself, after giving in fief or *à cens et rentes* the whole or part of the said tract of land ; also that the appeals from the judge of the said place shall lie before the provost or bailif who shall be appointed at Quebec aforesaid, or any other place ; that such persons as the said Sieur Le Maitre and his successors may send to New France shall be credited to the said Company, and counted as of those whom it is obliged to send over by the edict of its establishment, and for that purpose, they who may ship them shall

be held to send every year, to the office of the said company, a list of the men embarked to go and settle in the said country, so that the Company may be sure of their number; nevertheless, neither the said *Sieur Le Maitre*, his successors or assigns, nor any other persons whom they may send to the said country shall have the right of trading with the Indians for skins and furs, otherwise than according to the conditions specified in the said edict; and in case the said *Sieur Le Maitre* should wish the said tract of land to bear a more honorable name and title, he shall, for that purpose, have recourse to the King and to Mylord the Cardinal de Richelieu, peer of France, grand master, chief and superintendant general of the navigation and commerce of the kingdom, for his decision in conformity to the said edict; commanding the *Sieur de Montmagny*, Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, governor, under the authority of the King and His said Lordship the Cardinal Duke of Richelieu, for the said company, of Quebec and other places situate on the river Saint Lawrence, to cause and allow the said *Sieur Le Maitre* to enjoy the present concession, assigning him the boundaries and limits of the same as it may appertain.

Done at the general meeting of the Company of New France, held at Paris in the hotel of Monsieur de Lauzon, one of the King's councillors in his councils, Intendant of the said Company, the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

By the Company of New France,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And below is written:

Compared with the original written on paper, presented to me by Messire Jean, seignior of Lauzon, Knight, grand seneschal of this country of New France; and this done, returned to him by the undersigned notary the twenty-eighth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty-eight.

Signed,

PEUVRET,

Notary.

N^o 271.—1^o

Titles of the Seignior of Saint Pierre.

THE SIEUR LEVRARD.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre aforesaid, one of the King's Councillors in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in all the Countries of New France, and Acadia; and

DEMEULLES, Seignior of la Source, Knight, one of the King's Councillors in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Countries;

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that having, by our ordinance of the twelfth March last, and for the causes therein set forth, declared that the late Romain Bequet had forfeited his titles of concession

of the island called "Madame," which had been granted to him by Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant in this country, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, which said island is situated to the south of the Island and County of St. Lawrence, of one league or thereabouts in circumference, with the right of hunting and fishing all around the said island in the River St. Lawrence, the same held in fief and seigniority; and also that an extent of land, of two leagues or thereabouts, on the south shore of the said River Saint Lawrence, and generally all the land between the seigniority of Gentilly and that of L'Echaillon, was granted to the said late Sieur Bequet by Messieurs the count de Frontenac, governor, and Duchesneau, intendant of this said country, together with the islands and shoals which are in the River St. Lawrence opposite the said tract of land, and the same right of hunting and fishing within the said limits, the whole under the title of fief and seigniority with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*); and Louise Mousseau, wife of Pierre Pellerin and tutrix to Marie-Louise and Catherine-Angélique Bequet, having come forward and humbly prayed us to grant to the said minors the said two concessions above described, which had been already granted to the said Sieur Bequet their father, with the said right of hunting and fishing, the whole under the title of fief, seigniority, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*); the said Louise Mousseau, in her said capacity of tutrix to the said minor children, offering immediately to perform on the said concessions several works and clearings:

We, after having caused to be laid before us our said ordinance of the twelfth March last, rendered in consequence of the decrees of the King's Council of the fourth June one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and ninth May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, on the subject of the forfeiture of concessions, have, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Marie and Catherine, daughters of the said Sieur Bequet, the above described lands, to have and to hold the same equally, themselves, their heirs and assigns, under the title of fief and seigniority, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing within the said extent, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Marie and Catherine Bequet, their heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Quebec; and also that they shall keep and cause to be kept by their tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on their concessions, in default of which they shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; also that the said Marie and Catherine Bequet shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found within the said limits; that they shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found thereon; and that they shall allow and cause to be allowed all necessary roadways and passages, and on condition also that they shall cause the said tract of land to be settled and inhabited, and the same to be furnished with buildings and cattle within two years from the date of these presents, otherwise the present concession shall be null and void; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom the said Louise Mousseau, in her capacity aforesaid, shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents; and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-seventh April one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE,
 DEMEULLES.

And below is written,

By His Lordship,
 REGNAULT.

N^o 271.—2^o

THE MARQUIS DE LAJONQUIÈRE, &c.

FRANÇOIS BIGOT, &c.

Seeing the petition presented to us by the Sieur Charles Levrard, master-gunner at Quebec, stating that in the year 1672 the island called "Madame," situate on the south side of the Island and County of Saint Lawrence, was conceded to the Sieur Romain Bequet, together with an extent of land of two leagues or thereabouts in front on the River St. Lawrence, on the south shore thereof, and generally all that might be found between the seignior of Gentilly and that of l'Echaillon; that Messieurs de la Barre and Demeulles, heretofore governor and intendant in this country, did, by their ordinance of the 12th March 1683, declare that the said Sieur Bequet had forfeited the said concessions, in consequence of his not having brought them under cultivation; that the said Sieurs de la Barre and Demeulles were pleased to grant and concede again the said tracts of land to Marie-Louise and Catherine-Angélique Bequet, daughters of the said Romain Bequet, then minors, as appears by the title-deed which they caused to be issued to them on the 27th April of the said year 1683; that the petitioner, who is now proprietor of the tract of land situate between the seigniories of Gentilly and of l'Echaillon, commonly called St.-Pierre-les-Bequets, has continued, as his predecessors had done, to settle the said tract of land; and that moreover there are up to this time as many as four ranges of concessions which are settled, but that the petitioner has remarked that in the above mentioned new concession no mention is made of the depth granted by the title of 1672, which the said petitioner has not been able to find; wherefore he prays us that on account of its having been forgotten in the new title-deed to mention the depth which had been fixed by the former title, we may establish one of six leagues at least which shall be included within the boundaries of the said two seigniories; seeing also the original title-deed of the above mentioned concession granted by the said Sieurs de la Barre and Demeulles, of the 27th April 1683, in which no mention is made of the depth which the said conceded tract of land should have;

We, under the pleasure of His Majesty, have fixed the depth of the said concession at four leagues only by the same front as heretofore granted and which is found between the

seignior of Gentilly and that of l'Echaillon ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the charges, clauses and conditions set forth in the said concession of the 27th April 1683.

Done and given at Quebec the first day of April 1751.

Signed,

LAJONQUIÈRE, and

BIGOT.

Countersigned and sealed.

True copy,

BIGOT.

N^o 272.

28TH JANUARY, 1684.

[Cah. of Int., vol. 1, R. 44.]

A concession to Dame Marie Boucher, widow of the Sieur Etienne de Lafond, of lands situate on one side above those belonging to Michel Poulain and on the other side below those of the Sieur de Varenne, called the Sault de la Verrandiére, by the same depth as those of the said Sieurs Poulain and de Varenne.

N^o 273.

HECTOR CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE, Knight of the order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in all New France ;

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seignior of Champigny, Noroy and other places, one of the King's Councillors in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

On the petition presented to us by Dame Maguerite Denis, widow of the late Sieur de la Nauguerrie, praying that we would grant and concede to her the islands which are along the River St. Lawrence, opposite the mouth of the river, land and seignior of St. Ann, under the title of fief and seignior with the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*justice haute, moyenne et basse*), and of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, over the whole extent of the said islands ;

We, in virtue of the power bestowed upon us, have granted, given and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame Marguerite Denis the said islands, which are along the River St. Lawrence opposite the mouth of the said river, land and seignior of St. Ann, all along the space and extent of the same ; to hold, enjoy and dispose of the

said islands, the said Dame Denis, her heirs and assigns, in full property and for ever, under the said title of fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians over the whole extent of the said islands, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that she shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by her tenants on the concessions which she may grant them, and in default of their so doing she shall of right re-enter into possession of the same; that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her said tenants the oak timber which may be found within the said islands fit for ship-building; and that she shall immediately give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, and shall cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom the said Dame Denis shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto and the same to be countersigned by our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, this thirtieth day of October, one thousand seven hundred.

Signed, LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIERE, and
BOCHART CHAMPIGNY.

And lower down,

By Their Lordships,

Signed, D'HAUTEUILLE, and
ANDRÉ.

N^o 274.

Titles of the Fief des Grondines.

MESSIEURS HAMELIN.

THE COMPANY of New France,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Madame de Combalot, duchess of Eguillon, having given us to understand that it was her intention to build and erect in New France a Convent of Religious Hospitaller Ladies to receive therein and take care of sick persons, whether French or Indians, we have, for that purpose, granted her twelve arpents of land within the limits of the city of Quebec on which to erect the monastery, house and convent of the said religious hospitaller ladies, with thirty arpents of land to be taken in the banlieue of the said city, and two hundred arpents to be taken successively outside the said banlieue, as mentioned in the deed of concession made at

the meeting of the directors of our said Company of the eighteenth March, one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven ; and whereas the said Duchesse, being desirous of also providing for the maintenance and endowment of the said convent, has prayed our said company to grant her, for and in the name of the said religious ladies, some tracts of land over and above those already granted to them, to be brought under cultivation, so that some revenue may be derived therefrom hereafter for the support of the said house and convent, and for the subsistence as well of the said religious ladies as of those who may in future be admitted into the said house ;

We, therefore, being desirous of contributing on our part to such a holy and charitable undertaking, and to spare nothing in our power for the subsistence and maintenance of an institution from which all the inhabitants of New France will derive so much relief, have granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power conferred on our said company by the King, do hereby grant and concede, from henceforth and for ever, to the said Duchess of Eguillon, for the said religious hospitaller ladies and their successors, over and above what has already been granted to them by the concessions above mentioned, the extent and space of land following, that is to say : one league in width along the River St. Lawrence by ten leagues in depth towards the interior, above and below Quebec, in the unconceded lands and close to the concessions already made, as the whole shall be bounded and designated by Monsieur de Montmagny, Governor of Quebec, and under the following charges, to wit : that the religious ladies shall hold the said lands of the said company, without any other dues, except that they and their successors shall be bound to furnish an *aveu et dénombrement* every twenty years, to commence the year following their establishment, and cause a low mass in invocation of the Holy Ghost to be celebrated every year in their church at Quebec the last day of November, to the end that God may be pleased to inspire the general meeting which will be held on the first Tuesday of the following month, to adopt resolutions which may tend to his glory and to the honor of France and the firm establishment of the colony, and shall invite the governor of Quebec, his lieutenant and other principal inhabitants of Quebec to attend the said mass ; and on condition also that of all the persons whom the said religious ladies or their successors may bring over to settle, cultivate and build thereon, they shall furnish a list every year to the secretary of the company, and shall cause the King's edict for the establishment of the said company to be observed, without permitting or allowing any of the persons whom they may bring over to New France to trade for skins and furs in the said country otherwise than on the conditions contained in the said edict ;

Hereby commanding the said Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, our partner, governor of Quebec, his lieutenant or any other person deputed by him, to put the said religious ladies, or the bearer of these presents for them, in possession of the lands hereby conceded to them, and cause them to enjoy the same fully and peaceably, assigning to them and bounding the same according to the choice of the bearer hereof, provided always that it be in places not yet conceded ; and on condition also that they shall leave a royal highway of twenty fathoms (*toises*) in length (1) between the shore of the River St. Lawrence and the lands hereby conceded, for the convenience of the navigation of the said river, and a passage by land, a *procès-verbal* whereof shall be drawn up, a copy of which shall be sent to France, to be delivered to the secretary of the company.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the Associates of the Company of New France, held at the Hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, one of the King's Councillors in his State and Privy Councils, on Tuesday the first day of December, one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, and issued by the directors of the said company, at their meeting of the twentieth day of March one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight, held at their office.

In testimony whereof an engrossed copy of these presents shall be delivered, signed by the Secretary of the said company, and sealed with the seal of the same.

And on the reverse is written,

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

N^o 275.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, Marquis de Vaudreuil, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Amelin (?), seignior and proprietor of the greater part of the fief, land and seignior of Grondines, praying that, in consideration of the services which he has rendered this colony during the last twenty years as captain of militia, and of the numerous family with which he is now burthened, and which he is desirous of settling, all his children, thirteen in number, being of an age to be provided for, we would be pleased to grant him a continuation of two leagues of land in depth, on a front of three fourths of a league by a depth of three leagues, bounded on one side by the lands of the Sieur de la Chevroitière, and on the other side by those belonging to him, the said Louis Hamelin, the whole under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and the right of hunting, fishing and trading, as well in front as within the limits of the said depth, and also to grant him the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and of hunting, fishing and trading as well in front as throughout the extent of the said seignior of Grondines; having regard to the premises and in consideration of the services rendered to this colony by the said Hamelin, and of the large family with which he is burthened,

We, in virtue of the power granted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Louis Hamelin the continuation of two leagues in depth, on the front of three fourths of a league in front by three leagues in depth of which the said seignior of Grondines consists, bounded on one side by the lands of the Sieur de la Chevroitière, and on the other by those of the said Louis Hamelin, the whole under the title of fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting, fishing and trading as well in front as

throughout the extent of the said seigniory of Grondines, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber; that he shall give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals, and leave the necessary roadways and passages, and the beach free to all fishermen, except that portion which he may want for his own fishing; and should hereafter His Majesty require any part of the said lands to erect buildings and fortifications thereon, His Majesty shall not be held to pay any indemnity.

In testimony whereof, &c.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifth April one thousand seven hundred and eleven.

Signed, VAUDREUIL, and
RAUDOT.

And lower down,

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed, DUMONTIER, and
SEURAT.

N^o 276.

Title of the Fief of River du Loup.

THE SIEUR BLONDEAU *alias* LA FRANCHISE.

The West India Company, on the requisition made to us by the Sieur François Dionis, burgess of this city of Paris, praying us to grant him a tract of land of three leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the great River St. Lawrence, in New France, on the south side thereof, ascending the said River, to commence running from the boundary of the land granted to the Sieur de la Chenaye on River du Loup, with the right of fishing and hunting, and the ownership of the mines and minerals, lakes and rivers which may be found within the limits of the said concession, and also the isles and shoals of the said River St. Lawrence opposite the same;

We, the directors general of the said Company, acknowledging how important it is for the welfare and extension of the colonies of New France that persons possessed of pecuniary means and well-intentioned should settle therein, have, in the name of the said Company, granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede to the said Sieur François Dionis the said tract of land, of three leagues in front by three leagues in depth, on the great river St. Lawrence, in New France, on the south shore, ascending the said river, to commence running from the boundary of the land conceded to the Sieur de la Chenaye on the River du Loup, with the right of fishing and hunting and the ownership of the mines and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said concession, and

also the islands and shoals of the said River St. Lawrence opposite the same ; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Sieur François Dionis, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in full property and seignior, the same to be henceforth called the fief of Verbois, for which purpose we have revoked and do by these presents revoke all other concessions which may have been heretofore made of the said tract of land or any part thereof, provided the same be not under cultivation, subject, on the part of the said Sieur Dionis, his heirs and assigns, to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be held to render to the said company on each and every mutation of proprietor, at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or in this city of Paris, at the office of the directors general of the said Company, with a gold crown (*écu d'or*) which shall be paid on rendering the said homage, an acknowledgement (*acte*) of which shall be delivered ; and moreover subject to the charge and condition that the said Sieur Dionis shall, within three years, begin to cause the said tract of land to be brought under cultivation, and the same to be surveyed and bounded within the said space of time, in default of the fulfilment of which conditions the lands contained in the said concession shall be re-annexed to the domain of the said Company who shall have the right to dispose of them as they may think fit, without the said Sieur Dionis or any other persons having, on that account, the right to claim any indemnity ; which said conditions have been accepted by the said Sieur François Dionis.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be countersigned by the Secretary general of the said Company and sealed with its arms.

At Paris, the fifteenth November one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed, BILLENZANY and DAULIER,

And sealed, and afterwards is written :

By order of the Company,

A. DAULIER DESLANDES.

No 277.

The West India Company, on the requisition which has been made to us by the Sieur Daulier du Parc, praying us to grant him a tract of land in New France, on the great river St. Lawrence, on the south side thereof, commencing at the boundaries of the concession of the Sieur de la Chesnaye, on the River du Loup, and extending two leagues in front by two leagues in depth, with the right of hunting and fishing, and the ownership of the lakes and rivers, mines and minerals which may be found within the said concession, and of the shoals and islands in the said river St. Lawrence opposite the same ;

We, the directors of the said company, acknowledging how important it is for the welfare and extension of the colonies of New France, that persons possessed of pecuniary means and well-intentioned should settle therein, have, in the name of the said company,

granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede to the said Sieur Daulier du Parc the said tract of land in New France, on the south side of the great river St. Lawrence, commencing at the boundary of the said Sieur de la Chesnaye, on the River du Loup, and extending two leagues in front by two leagues in depth, which shall henceforth be called Le Parc, with the ownership of the mines and minerals, lakes and rivers which may be found within the said concession, and of the islands and shoals in the said river St. Lawrence opposite the same, and moreover the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent thereof; to have and hold the same unto the said Sieur du Parc, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in full property and seignior, for the purpose of which said grant we have revoked and by these presents do revoke all other grants which may have been heretofore made, by us or by any others, of the said tract of land or any part thereof, if the same be not already under cultivation; subject on the part of the said Sieur Daulier du Parc, and his successors, to the condition of fealty and homage, which they shall be held to render to the said company on each change of owners, at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or in this city of Paris, at the office of the directors general of the said company, with a gold crown (*écu d'or*) which shall be paid on rendering the said homage, an acknowledgement (*acte*) of which shall be delivered; and moreover subject to the charge and condition that the said Sieur Daulier du Parc shall begin within three years to cause the lands of the said concession to be brought under cultivation, and the same to be surveyed and the boundaries set up within the said space of time, in default of the fulfilment of which conditions the lands contained in the said concession shall be re-annexed to the domain of the said company, who shall have the right to dispose thereof as they may think proper, and without the said Sieur Daulier du Parc or any others having on that account the right to claim any indemnity; which said conditions have been accepted by the said Sieur Daulier du Parc.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be countersigned by the secretary general of the said company, and sealed with its arms, at Paris, the twenty-third day of December one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed,

BILLANZANI, and

DAULIER.

And lower down,

By command of the Company,

A. DAULIER DESLANDES,

With a flourish.

And sealed with the arms of the company.

N^o 278.

MADOUESKA.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre, one of the King's Councillors in his state and privy councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty over the whole of New France and Acadia; and

DENEUILLE, Seignior of la Source, Knight, one of the King's Councillors in his councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Charles Aubert de la Chesnaye, an inhabitant of this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant him for Antoine Aubert and Marie Angélique de la Chesnaye, his children, an extent of land of three leagues on the river called "Madoueska," near the river St. John, with the lake called "Ceumiscouta," by a depth of two leagues inland, within which extent he is desirous of forming settlements on such parts thereof as have not yet been conceded, should we be pleased to grant him a deed of concession thereof for his said children;

We, under and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have, to the said Antoine Aubert and Marie Angélique de la Chesnaye, granted, given and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede the said extent of land of three leagues along each side of the river Madoueska, near the river St. John, with the lake called Ceumiscouta, by two leagues in depth, as above specified, the whole under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land; to have and to hold the same unto the said Antoine Aubert and Marie Angélique de la Chesnaye, their heirs, successors and assigns, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they and their said heirs shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of wick they shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and also that they shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by their tenants on the concessions which they may grant them, in default whereof they shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; and that they shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, which may be found within the limits of the said concession; that they shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found, and that they shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; and on condition that the said Sieur de la Chesnaye, their father, shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared, settled and furnished with buildings and cattle within five years from this date, in default whereof the said concession shall be null and void; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within the said time.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our secretary.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE,
 DEMEULLE.

And lower down,

By command of their said Lordships,
 REGNAULT.

N^o 279.

Titles of the Fief of l'Îlette à la PEAU.

THE SIEUR DAUTEUIL.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting.

Know ye, that on the petition presented to us by the Demoiselle Marie Anne Juchereau, widow of the Sieur de la Combe, setting forth that having formerly had a contestation before us with the Sieur de la Bouteillerie, concerning a portion of land situate towards the River Houelle, the said Demoiselle, by the settlement which we then made, ceded to him the said portion of land, in consideration of which and in order to indemnify her in some manner, we promised to grant her, under the title of fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), half a league of land in front on the River St. Lawrence, adjoining the Sieur de St. Denis, her father, ascending the said river, by two leagues in depth, with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land, but that since that time until now she has neglected to demand of us the title of concession, wherefore she prays that we may be pleased to cause the same to be executed and delivered to her ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted unto us by His Majesty, jointly with Monsieur Duchesneau, intendant, and in order to redeem the promise which we then made, have, to the said Demoiselle de la Combe, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede half a league of land in front, on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the lands belonging to the Sieur de St. Denis, her father, ascending the said river, by two leagues in depth, together with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land ; to have and to hold the same, herself, her heirs and assigns, in fief and seignior, with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Demoiselle, widow of the said Sieur de la Combe, her heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which she shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and

agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of the royal provostship of Quebec ; also that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by her tenants on the concessions which she may grant them, in default whereof she shall, *pleno jure*, resume the possession of the same ; that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved by her tenants the oak timber fit for the building of vessels which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land ; that she shall give notice to King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found thereon, and shall leave and cause to be enjoyed all necessary roads and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries, and our seal at arms to be affixed thereto.

Given at Quebec, the sixteenth day of March, one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, LECHASSEUR.

N^o 280.

Title of the Fief of l'Isle des Ruaux.

THE REVD. JESUIT FATHERS.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE, to all present and to come, greeting.

It being our greatest desire, in establishing the colony of New France, that God may be honoured and served therein, and that the men should constantly have good examples before their eyes, and the Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus having contributed thereto with such zeal and affection that they daily expose themselves to the greatest perils which can be encountered amongst savage people in order to bring them to the knowledge of God and to a more civilised life, wherefore we are induced so much the more willingly to grant them whatever is in the power of our company ; for these reasons, and having been given to understand that the said Reverend Fathers were desirous of possessing some one of the islands which are situate in the River St. Lawrence, to pasture cattle thereon for the support of their houses and residences, and having been, according to the regulations of our company, informed by Monsieur de Montmagny, governor of Quebec, of the extent and quality of the Isle des Ruaux, situated in the River St. Lawrence below the Island of Orleans, and that the said Island may be granted to such persons as may be willing to cultivate it, without the said grant being of much importance to the Company ;

We have, to the said Reverend Jesuit Fathers, given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, do by these presents give, grant and concede the said island called l'Isle des Ruaux, situate in New France aforesaid, in the River St. Lawrence, near and below the Island of Orleans, in the whole extent thereof, without any reserve or exception whatsoever; to have and to hold the same, the said Reverend Fathers and their successors, now and forever, in full property and seignior, obliging them only to give an acknowledgement (*aveu*) every twenty years; into which island the said Reverend Fathers shall send such persons as they may think proper, to inhabit and cultivate the same; but the inhabitants of the said island shall not, any more than those of any other place in New France, be allowed to trade for skins and furs otherwise than under the conditions specified in the King's edict establishing our Company; and the said Reverend Fathers, and their successors, when they send persons to cultivate and inhabit the said island, shall every year transmit to the Secretary of our said Company a list of the said persons, so that the Company may be certified thereof, and the said persons deducted from the number of those whom they are bound by the said edict to bring into the colony;

Commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, Knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, our co-partner and governor of Quebec, that he cause and allow the said Reverend Fathers to enjoy the present concession, and put them in good and due possession and enjoyment of the same, whereof he shall make a report (*procès-verbal*) to be sent to the Company in France, and that in so doing he receive the above mentioned *aveu*.

Thus done and granted at the general meeting of the partners in the said Company of New France, held at the Hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, Councillor to the King in his state and privy Councils, the first day of December one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, and drawn up by order of the directors of the said Company, at their meeting of the twentieth day of March, one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight.

In testimony whereof a copy of these presents shall be delivered, signed by the Secretary of the Company and sealed with its seal.

And lower down,

By command of the Company of New France,

Signed, LAMY.

N^o 281.

Titles of the Fief of St. Gabriel.

THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE, to all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish a strong colony of French settlers in New France, in order that by their example the Indian tribes of that country might be instructed in the knowledge of God, and brought to lead a civilised life as subjects of the

King, we have willingly received all those who came forward to help us in this praiseworthy undertaking, and particularly when we found that they were willing to undertake the cultivation of some part of the lands granted to our company by the late King of glorious memory ;

Now therefore, being fully satisfied of the laudable qualities of Robert Giffard, seignior of Beauport, councillor and physician in ordinary to His Majesty, as well as of the experience and knowledge which he has acquired of the said country during a number of years that he has resided therein, and also of his zeal for the Roman Catholic and Apostolic Religion, and his fidelity and affection in the King's service,

We, for these and other reasons moving us hereunto, have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by our Lord the King, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Giffard the lands and places hereafter described, to wit: two leagues of land in New France, to be taken at the same places as his present concession, adjoining the same or as close thereto as possible, by ten leagues in depth inland towards the north-west ; the said Sieur Giffard to have and to hold the said concessions in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, subject to fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which himself, his successors and assigns shall be bound to perform at the Fort St- Louis in Quebec, or at any other place which may hereafter be appointed by the said company, which said fealty and homage they shall be bound to perform at each mutation of possessors, and to pay all duties and dues incident to fiefs of this description, the whole according and agreeably to the Custom of Paris which the company intend to have followed and observed in all New France, and that the appeals from the judges who may be appointed for the above conceded places shall lie immediately (*nuement*) before the parliament and supreme court which shall hereafter be erected in the name of the said company at Quebec or elsewhere in New France ; and moreover, neither the said Sieur Giffard, nor his heirs and assigns, nor any others going to the said country for the purpose of cultivating and inhabiting the above mentioned lands, shall have the right of trading with the Indians for skins and furs, unless they have been acknowledged as resident inhabitants of the country, and in that capacity participate in the concession of the privilege of trading which has been granted by the company to the community of the resident inhabitants according to the agreements made with them.

Commanding Monsieur de Montmagny, governor of Quebec for the King and for our company, to put the said Sieur Giffard in possession of the above conceded lands and places, and to grant him the patents and appoint the limits of the same, and to certify the company thereof by a report (*procès-verbal*) to be sent by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the copartners in the Company of New France, held at their office the eleventh April one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In testimony whereof these presents have been drawn up, and the seal of our company affixed thereto.

By command of the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE, to all who these presents letters shall see, greeting.

It having been represented to us on behalf of the *Sieur Giffard*, seignior of *Beauport*, in New France, councillor and ordinary physician to the King, that he cannot enjoy the possession of the extent of land contained in the concession granted to him on the sixteenth day of April last, of two leagues in front by ten leagues in depth, to be taken in New France, at the same place where he is settled since a long time, for as much as he is bounded on one side by the lands conceded to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers, and on the other by those conceded to the *Beaupré Company*; requesting, in order that the said concession may not be useless to him, that it may please the Company to change the said concession and to grant it to him in another unconceded place, either on the north or on the south;

We, therefore, being desirous of gratifying the said *Sieur Giffard*, have given, granted and conceded to him the same quantity of land as that mentioned in our said concession of the sixteenth day of April last, to be taken close on the other (*de proche*) and in a place not yet granted, either on the north or on the south, as it shall be pointed out by *Monsieur de Montmagny*, governor of *Quebec*; to have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieur Giffard*, subject to the same clauses and conditions mentioned in our said concession of the sixteenth April last, which, with these presents, will form but one and the same concession.

Done and conceded at the meeting of the Company of New France, held at their office the fifteenth day of May one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

By command of the Company of New France,

Signed, LAMY,
DUPUYS, and
BEGON.

N^o 282.

Title of the Fief of Belair.

THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS.

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, seignior of la Barre aforesaid, Councillor to the King in his councils, Governor and Lieutenant General over all the countries of New France and Acadia; and

DEMEULLE, Seignior of la Source, Knight, Councillor to the King in his councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Countries.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by *Guillaume Bonhomme*, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and in-

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ferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), the tract of land which is situated at the end of that which belongs to the Sieur Juchereau de la Ferté, running towards the River Jacques Cartier, bounded on one side to the south-west by Monsieur Dupont, councillor in the supreme council of this country, and on the other side, to the north-east, by Monsieur DeMenu, clerk of the said council, at one end, towards the south-east, by the said Sieur de la Ferté, and at the other end, towards the north-west, by the said river; the said tract of land containing about one league in front by two leagues or thereabouts in depth inland, together with the right of hunting and fishing over the said extent;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have, to the said Bonhomme, given, granted and conceded the above described tract of land; to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns hereafter, under the title of fief and seigniory, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said place, subject on the part of the said Bonhomme, his heirs and assigns, to the condition of rendering fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of the provostship of Quebec; and also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of their so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that the said Bonhomme shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants all the oak fit for the building of ships, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land; that he shall immediately give notice to the King or to us of all the mines, ores and minerals which may be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year; and on condition also that he shall cause the said lands to be cleared, inhabited and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years from the date hereof, in default of which the present concession shall be null and void.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Done and given at Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of November one thousand six hundred and eighty-two.

Signed,

LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, and

DEMEULLE.

And below is written,

By command of Their said Lordships,

REIGNAULT.

Titles of the Seigniorship of Notre-Dame-des-Anges.

THE REVEREND. JESUIT FATHERS.

HENRY DE LÉVY, Duke of Ventadour, Peer of France, Lieutenant General for His Majesty in the government of Languedoc, Vice-Roy of New France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

As the causes and reasons for which we have desired the charge and power which His Majesty has entrusted to us over the lands and countries of New France, have been that we might use all our care and authority so to manage the affairs thereof that the Christian, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Faith and Religion might be therein received, embraced and practised by the Savages of those places, who have not hitherto had any knowledge of the true God ; and as the Reverend Fathers of the Society and Company of Jesus are ready to contribute to such a praiseworthy and holy undertaking as far as may depend on their piety, industry, science, experience, skill and zeal usual on such occasions, by sending for that purpose to the said country a good number of their Fathers to baptize, teach and instruct the said Savages ; therefore, and, in order the better to enable them so to do,

We, in virtue of the power which the King has given us over the lands situate in the said countries of New France aforesaid, have, to the said Fathers of the Society of Jesus, given, and by these presents do give, as a perpetual and irrevocable donation, in the neighborhood of the settlement of the Fort of Quebec in New France aforesaid, an extent of four leagues of land running towards the Western Mountains, or thereabouts, situated partly on the River St. Charles, partly on the great River St. Lawrence, bounded on one side by the river called Ste. Marie, which discharges itself into the great River St. Lawrence aforesaid, and on the other side, up the River St. Charles, by the second stream which is above the little river commonly called the River Lairet, which said streams and the little River Lairer discharge themselves into the River St. Charles ; and we have also granted and do grant them a point of land, together with all the woods and meadows and all other things contained therein, situated opposite the said River Lairer, on the other side of the River St. Charles, ascending on one side towards the Recollect Fathers, and descending on the other into the great river ; it being our will that they peaceably enjoy all the woods, lakes, ponds, rivers, riviulets, meadows, quarries, pastures and other things, which may be found within the limits of the said lands, on which they shall have the right of erecting, if they think fit, an habitation, dwelling, noviciate or seminary for themselves and to educate and instruct therein the children of the Savages ; hereby commanding the Sieur de Champlain, governor of the fort of Quebec and our lieutenant general in the said country, and all other governors and royal officers, and all others over whom we have power and authority, to allow the said habitation and seminary to be taken, possessed and enjoyed, erected and built, without giving the said Reverend Fathers any trouble or hindrance, and even, if necessary, to divide, mark off, bound and enregister the said lands which we desire that the said Fathers should take possession of, with the consent, advice and approbation of the said Sieur de Champlain, whom we enjoin so to do : for such being our will, we

have signed these presents, and the same have been countersigned by our Secretary, and the great seal of our arms has been affixed thereto, at Paris the tenth March one thousand six hundred and twenty-six.

Signed, VANTADOUR.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

GÉRARD.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE, to all present and to come, greeting.

The Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus having exposed to us that they had heretofore been put in possession of certain lands situated on the River Saint Charles, in New France, and whereas by the edict of the King for the establishment of our Company, all preceding gifts and concessions have been revoked and the whole placed in the hands of the said Company to dispose thereof, they have petitioned our said Company to uphold and maintain them under the authority thereof in the possession of what has been heretofore conceded to them ; for these causes, and being well informed of the assistance which the inhabitants of the said country of New France receive from the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, who still expose themselves daily to dangers in order to bring the savage nations to the knowledge of the true God and to the habits of a civilised life,

We have, to the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede by these presents, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, the extent and quantity of lands following, that is to say : one league or thereabouts of land, to be taken partly on the said River St. Charles, at the place where it enters the River St. Lawrence, and partly on the said River St. Lawrence, the whole to commence running from the second stream above the River Lareit, which runs into the said River St. Charles, descending along the said River St. Charles and the said River St. Lawrence as far as the little river called Notre-Dame-de-Beauport which runs into the aforesaid River St. Lawrence, the said River Notre-Dame-de-Beauport not included, the whole by four leagues in depth, to be taken from the said boundaries of the second stream above the said River Lareit, and of the said River Notre-Dame-de-Beauport, by four leagues inland, the whole as it may be found, together with the woods, meadows, lakes, rivers, ponds and quarries, which may be found within the limits of the said tract of land ; and have also given and granted them a point of land situated on the other side and bank of the said river St. Charles, and entirely surrounded by the same except at one place where it is shut up by a palissade, as the same is to be found opposite, the house called Notre-Dame-des-Anges, the said river St. Charles being between them, the whole as it had been heretofore conceded to the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus by the duke of Vantadour, then vice-roy of New-France, on condition however that outside the said palissade a sufficient space shall be left to make a royal highway leading from above to the Fort of Quebec and the town which is to be built there ; the said Reverend Fathers

and their Society to enjoy for ever the said lands in full property, holding of the said Company, without however being subject to the payment of any rent, save and except that they shall be held to give an *aveu et dénombrement* every twenty years, to be computed from the date hereof, at Quebec, or any other place which may hereafter be appointed by the said Company, and to say and celebrate for ever, on the first Tuesday of the month of December in each year, which is the day of the general meeting of the Company, a mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased copartners of the Company, to which mass they shall be obliged to invite the officer commanding for the said Company at the Fort of Quebec, that he may attend thereat if he think fit; to cultivate which tract of land the said Reverend Fathers and others of their Society, shall send such persons as they may choose; but the settlers, any more on the said tract of land than elsewhere in New France, shall not be allowed to trade for skins and furs otherwise than under the conditions of the King's edict; and when the said Reverend Fathers send men to cultivate the said lands, they shall every year transmit a list thereof to the office of our Company, so that the said Company may be sure of their number; and should the city of Quebec one day extend as far as the said lands, and the said Company require any part of the same to erect thereon a fort or other buildings, the said Company may resume such part as it may require of the said lands, on giving to the said Fathers other lands as mentioned in the proceedings of the general meeting held this day, and they shall nevertheless leave, for the public convenience, a royal highway twenty fathoms (*toises*) broad along the banks of the said River St. Charles and of the said River St. Lawrence, throughout the extent of the lands thus conceded to them.

Commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, lieutenant general for the King at Quebec and over the whole extent of the River St. Lawrence and places thereon depending, and also appointed by our Company, under the authority of the King and of Mylord the cardinal duke of Richelieu, as governor of the said places, or his lieutenant or such other person as may be deputed by them, to cause the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus and their successors to enjoy the present concession, assigning them the boundaries and limits of the aforesaid lands, and draw up a report (*procès-verbal*) of the whole, to be sent to France by the return of the first ships, in order that the Company may be made certain thereof.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the Company of New France held at the Hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, at Paris, the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven,

By command of the Company of New France,

Signed, LAMY.

N^o 284.*Title of the Fief des Eboulements.*

THE SIEUR TREMBLAY.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seigneur of la Barre, King's Councillor, Governor and Lieutenant General over the whole territory of New France and Acadia; and

DEMEULLES, Seigneur of la Source, King's Councillor, Intendant of all New France.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Pierre de Lessart, praying that we might be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, the lands fronting on the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from those conceded to Charles Lessart, his brother, descending the said river, and going as far as the boundary of the Sieur de Comporté, on the north shore, containing five fourths of a league or thereabouts, with two leagues in depth towards the interior, where he wishes to settle, together with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said tract of land :

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Pierre de Lessart the said lands in front, hereabove specified, by the said two leagues in depth, to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said lands, on condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Lessart, his said heirs and assigns shall be bound to render at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and on condition also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default thereof he shall *ipso jure* re-enter into the possession of the said lands; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, and the red pine fit for the making of tar, which may be found within the extent of the said places; and that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein; and that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roads and passages; and also that he shall cause the said lands to be cleared and inhabited, and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years from the date hereof, in default of which the said concession shall be null and void; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within the said space of time.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the first day of October, one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed,

LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, and
DEMEULLES.

And below,

By command of Mylord,

LECHASSEUR.

Signed,

BÉGON.

N^o 285.

Title of six hundred arpents of land near Three Rivers.

THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and future, greeting.

The desire of well establishing the colony of New France making us seek such persons as are capable of contributing thereto, and grateful for the assistance which the Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus have given us in this praiseworthy undertaking, who still peril daily their lives to bring the people of the said New France to the knowledge of the true God, and to the uses of a more civilized life ;

Therefore, and in order to afford them a place of abode close to the settlements which we may form in New France, we, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given and conceded, and by these presents do give and concede to the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, the extent and quantity of land following, to wit : the quantity of six hundred arpents of land, in New France aforesaid, at the place called Three Rivers, where our company is building an habitation, or close to the same, as will be advised by the Sieur Champlain, commanding for the said company at the Fort of Quebec and on the River St. Lawrence ; to have and to hold the said tract of land unto the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus and their society for ever, in full property and seigniory, in the same manner as it has pleased the King to grant us the said country of New France, without their being obliged to anything, except the acknowledgement (*aveu*) for this time only, dispensing them for ever thereafter, and as far as it may be necessary, we have granted and do grant them mortmain of the tract of land hereinabove conceded, to cultivate and erect the necessary buildings on which the said Reverend Fathers or others of their society shall send such persons as they may choose ; but the settlers shall not be allowed on the above tract of land, nor elsewhere in New France, to trade in skins and furs otherwise than under the conditions of the King's edict for the establishment of our company, and

when the said Reverend Fathers send persons to cultivate the said lands, they shall every year transmit a list of them to the office of our said company, so that it may be assured thereof and so far discharged, they being deducted from the number of those whom it is obliged to send over in pursuance of the edict above mentioned.

Commanding the said Sieur Champlain to cause the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus and their successors to enjoy the present concession, assigning to them the most convenient place near our said settlement of Three Rivers, and pointing out the limits of the said quantity of six hundred arpents of land, and to put them in possession and enjoyment of the same, as above mentioned, of which he shall make a report (*procès-verbal*), to be sent to the said company with the above mentioned acknowledgement which he shall receive from the said Reverend Fathers.

Done at the general meeting of the intendant, directors and copartners of the Company of New France held at the office of the said Company, at Paris, the fifteenth day of February, one thousand six hundred and thirty-four.

By the Company of New France,

Signed, LAMY.

Nº 286.

Titles of the Sault St. Louis.

THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS.

LOUIS, by the Grace of God, King of France and Navarre.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Our very dear and well beloved the members of the Religious Society of Jesus, residing in our country of New France, having most humbly represented to us that the lands of the Prairie de la Magdeleine which have been heretofore granted to them, being too wet to be sown and provide for the subsistence of the Iroquois settled there, it might be feared that they would go away, if we were not pleased to grant them the tract of land called Le Sault, containing two leagues in front, to commence at a point of land situate opposite the St. Louis Rapids, and ascending along the Lake, by the same depth, with the two islands, the islets and shoals opposite and joining the lands of the said Prairie de la Magdeleine, which would allow them not only to settle the said Iroquois, but also to increase their number and to extend by this means the light of the Faith and the Gospel;

Now, therefore, being desirous of contributing to the conversion and instruction of the said Iroquois, and favorably treating the said petitioners, we have made and do make them a gift by these presents, signed with our hand, of the said tract of land called Le Sault, containing two leagues in front, commencing at a point of land situate opposite the St. Louis Rapids and ascending along the Lake, by a similar depth, with the two islands, the islets

and shoals opposite and joining the lands of the said Prairie de la Magdeleine, subject to the condition that the said tract of land called Le Sault shall belong to us, all cleared, when abandoned by the said Iroquois.

We do hereby permit all persons desirous of bringing to the said Iroquois rings, knives and such other small wares and things, to do so; most expressly prohibiting and forbidding the Frenchmen who may settle among the said Iroquois, or other Indian nations, who may establish themselves on the said tract of land called Le Sault, to have and keep any cattle, and all persons to establish any tavern in the village of the said Iroquois, to be built on the said tract of land.

Hereby commanding our well beloved and trusty officers holding our supreme council at Quebec, and others our officers of justice whom it may concern, that these our letters of gift and concession they cause to be read and registered, and the contents thereof to be enjoyed and used by the said petitioners, ceasing and causing to cease all troubles and hindrances thereto, for such is our pleasure.

In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be affixed to these presents.

Given at Fontainebleau, the twenty-fourth day of May, in the year of grace one thousand six hundred and eighty, and of our reign the thirty-eighth.

Signed, LOUIS.

By the King,

Signed, COLBERT.

N^o 288.

Title of the Fief of La Prairie de la Magdeleine.

THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS.

We, FRANÇOIS DE LAUZON, Councillor to the King in his Court of Parliament of Bordeaux,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Being well informed of the assistance which the inhabitants of the country of New France receive by the means of the Religious Fathers of the Society of Jesus, the members of which still daily peril their lives in order to bring the savage tribes of that country to the knowledge of the true God, and having read the petition presented to us, in their name, by their attorney, whereby they ask for a part of the lands granted to us by Messieurs of the Company of New France, seigniors of the said country in virtue of the donation made to them by His Majesty, which lands are situated along the River St. Lawrence, on the south side thereof;

We, for these causes and the good will which we bear the members of the said Religious Society, have very willingly given and granted them what they ask of us, and by these

presents do give and grant them two leagues of land along the said river St. Lawrence, on the south side thereof, to commence running from the Island of St. Helen as far as a quarter of a league beyond a meadow called La Prairie de la Magdelaine, opposite the islands which are near the Sault of the Island of Montreal, a space containing about two leagues, which we give them along the said river St. Lawrence, by four leagues in depth in the interior towards the south, together with the woods, meadows, lakes, rivers, ponds and quarries which may be found within the extent of the said land, to cultivate which the said Religious Society will send such persons as they may please.

This donation thus made in order that we may be participating in their prayers and holy sacrifices.

Praying Monsieur de Montmagny, lieutenant general for the King at Quebec and over the whole extent of the river St. Lawrence and places depending thereon, that he may be pleased to cause the members of the said Religious Society to enjoy the present concession, assigning to them the boundaries and limits of the said lands above specified, and to cause a procès-verbal thereof to be drawn up.

Done and conceded at our hotel in Paris, the first day of April one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

N^o 289.

9TH FEBRUARY 1676.

[Cah. of Int. Vol. 1, R. 134.]

Explanation of the titles of Batiscan and Cap de la Magdelaine: these two fiefs having been given, the one by Mr. Jacques de la Ferté, on the 20th March 1651, and the other by the same, on the 13th March 1659, to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers.

N^o 290.

Titles of the Isle Bizard.

THE SIEUR BIZARD, CURATE OF CHATEAU-RICHER.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in North France.

To all who these presents letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye, that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Bizard, major of Montreal, to the effect that we might be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, superior, mean

and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), an island called Isle Bonaventure, situate between the Island of Montreal and the Isle Jesus, containing about three leagues in circumference, together with the islands and islets adjacent, opposite and below the said island ;

We, in virtue of the power given to us by His Majesty, jointly with Monsieur le comte de Frontenac, one of the King's councillors in his councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in this country, and in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the said Sieur Bizard has rendered to His said Majesty, and of the zeal with which he continues to serve him on all occasions, have, to the said Sieur Bizard, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede the said Isle Bonaventure, together with the islands and islets adjacent, opposite and below the said island ; to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns hereafter, under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Bizard, his said heirs and assigns, shall be bound to render at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers until one shall have been appointed nearer to the said Island of Bonaventure, and also that he shall keep house and home, and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default thereof he shall re-enter *ipso jure* into the possession of the said lands ; and that the said Sieur Bizard shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found on the said island ; and that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found thereon, and shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

By command of His Lordship,

RIVERIN.

N^o 291.

Title of a Fief of half a league, to be taken one fourth of a league above the river called la Magdelaine, and one fourth of a league below.

THE HEIRS ESTIENNE DE LA FOND.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Knight, Ordinary Councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in New France, and the extent of the River St. Lawrence.

To all who the present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that in virtue of the power conferred on us by the Company of New France, we have given and conceded unto Estienne de la Fond, an inhabitant of Three Rivers, the quantity of land following, to wit: one fourth of a league above the river called la Magdelaine, and one fourth of a league below, in front on the River St. Lawrence, on the north side thereof, below Three Rivers, by three leagues in depth inland; to have and to hold the same in fief and all the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), holding of Quebec by one homage, on condition that the appeals from the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie at Three Rivers, and subject to the payment of one year's revenue of the same at each mutation of possessor, according to the Custom of the *Vexin Français* included in that of the provostship and viscounty of Paris.

Commanding the grand seneschal of New France or his lieutenant to put the said Estienne de la Fond in possession and enjoyment of the said tract of land, and cause the boundaries and limits thereof to be fixed as of right, and giving him the power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Three Rivers, this tenth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty-five.

Signed,

DE LAUZON.

By command of His Lordship,

LOUERT.

N^o 292.*Title of the Fief Hiamaska.*

THE SIEUR PETIT.

THE SIEURS LEFÈVRE DE LA BARRE,
AND DEMEULLES, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de la Vallière, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and

inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), the unconceded lands situated between the Dame de Sauset and the Sieur Crevier, opposite Lake St. Peter, on the south shore, containing half a league or thereabouts, in front, together with the islands, islets and shoals lying opposite as far as the ship channel, and three leagues in depth, to commence running from the mouth of the River des Savannes, together with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said tract of land :

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the different settlements which the said Sieur de la Vallière and the Sieur de la Poterie, his father, have long since made in this country, and in order to afford him the means of augmenting them, have, to the said Sieur de la Vallière, given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede the above described tract of land ; to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and also the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said tract of land ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Vallière, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and that the appeals from the judge of the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers ; and also that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de la Vallière shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants, within the limits of the said tract of land, the oak timber fit for the building of vessels ; and that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found therein ; that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages ; and that he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared and inhabited, and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years from this date, in default whereof the present concession shall be null and void ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

In witness whereof we have signed the same, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed,

LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, and
DEMEULLES.

And lower down,

By command of Their Lordships,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

N^o 293.*Title of the Fief of St. François.*

THE SIEUR DE ST. FRANÇOIS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Crevier, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), one league of land in depth, ascending the River St. François, together with the islands and islets lying and being within the said depth, and one league in breadth on the north side of the said river, to be taken at the end of the land belonging to the Sieur de Lussaudière, together with the lands which may be found on the south side of the said river, commencing at the end of his land and seignior of St. François, and going as far as the boundaries of that of the Sieur de la Valière, with the rights of hunting, fishing and trading throughout the extent of the said tract of land ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, jointly with Monsieur Duchesneau, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of justice, police and finances in this country, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Crevier the said league of land in depth, ascending the River St. François, together with the islands and islets lying and being within the said depth, and one league in breadth on the north side of the said river, to be taken at the end of the land belonging to the Sieur de la Lussaudière, together with the lands which may be found on the south side of the said river, commencing at the end of his land and seignior of St. François and going as far as the boundaries of that of the Sieur de la Valière ; to have and to hold the same, unto the said Sieur Crevier, his heirs and assigns, in fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said tract of land ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Crevier, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to render at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; and that the appeals from the decisions of the judges of the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers ; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof he shall re-enter *ipso jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber which may be found fit for the building of vessels ; and that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found, and shall leave and cause to be enjoyed all necessary roads and passages thereon ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the eighth day of October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

With a flourish.

BÉGON.

N^o 294.

1ST DECEMBER 1637.

[Cab. of Int. Vol. 1, R. 151.]

Concession to Jean Godefroy, of three fourths of a league of land in front by three leagues in depth, on the south-west side of the river of Lake St. Paul (Fief Godefroy).

N^o 295.

Concession of the Fief of Rocquetaillade.

MONSIEUR DE TONNANCOUR.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Godefroy, Sieur de Rocquetaille, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, the lands which are situate along the great River St. Lawrence, on the south shore, containing half a league or thereabouts, to commence running from that portion which has been granted to the Sieur Jean Godefroy, his father, above Three Rivers, going as far as the lands depending on the seignior of Nicolet, belonging to the Sieur Cressé, with three leagues in depth towards the interior;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the good and agreeable services which the said Sieur de Rocquetaille has rendered his said Majesty, and continues to render him in the company of guards serving near our person, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur

de Rocquetaillade all the aforesaid lands which are along the river St. Lawrence, containing half a league or thereabouts in front, to commence running from that portion which has been conceded to the Sieur Godefroy, his father, above Three Rivers, going up as far as the lands of the seignior of Nicolet, with three leagues in depth; to have and to hold the same under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, himself, his heirs and assigns, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Rocquetaillade, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the judgment of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant-governor of Three Rivers; that he shall continue to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants, and in default of their so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Rocquetaillade shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have reserved for his principal manor house, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber fit for the building of vessels throughout the extent of the said private concessions made to his tenants; also that he shall give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of all the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief, and that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand six hundred and seventy-five.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

Signed,

G. DE TONNANCOUR,

BEGON.

N° 396,

Title of the Isle St. Joseph, in Three Rivers.

MONSIEUR DE BOUCHERVILLE.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Knight, ordinary Councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, Governor over the whole of New France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that, in virtue of the power conferred upon us by the Company of New France, registered where it was necessary, we have given and conceded, and by these presents do

give and concede to the Sieur Boucher, governor of Three Rivers, an island situated in the River of Three Rivers, three quarters of a league or thereabouts from the great River St. Lawrence, and being the last of the four islands lying up the said river of Three Rivers, containing from forty to fifty arpents or thereabouts on the north-east side facing the lands of La Magdeleine, the south-west side the lands of the Sieurs Boucher and Estienne, the south side facing the island of the Sieur de la Poterie, and the other side up the said river of Three Rivers; to have and to hold the said island unto the said Sieur Boucher, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, as a fief holding of Quebec by a single homage, subject to the payment of one year's revenue at each mutation of possessor, according to the custom of the Vexin François, included in the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and the said island shall be called L'Isle St. Joseph, for thus it has been granted.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Dated at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this twentieth day of October, one thousand six hundred and fifty-five.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

By command of His Lordship,

ROUERT.

Signed, BOUCHERVILLE.

BEGON.

N^o 297.

Title of the Fief of Vieux Pont.

MONSIEUR DE NORMANVILLE.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ &c.

To all who the present letters shall see, greeting.

The Sieur Joseph Godeiro, Sieur de Vieux Pont, having requested that we might be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seigniory, the lands situate along the River St. Lawrence, on the north side, to commence running from the river called the Third River, and going as far as that which is called the Fourth River, containing about fifteen arpents in front, by one league in depth thereon;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Vieux Pont the fifteen arpents of land or thereabouts in front, situate between the river called the Third River and that which is called the Fourth River, by one league in depth on the said fifteen arpents, to have and to hold the same, by him, his heirs and assigns, in fief, seigniory and jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*for et hommage*)

which the said Sieur de Vieux Pont, his heirs and assigns shall be bound to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed for the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers, and also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *ipso jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Vieux Pont shall preserve the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found as well on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, as within the limits of the private concessions which he may grant to his tenants; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the limits of the said fief; and moreover that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

Signed, NORMANVILLE.

N^o 298.

Title of the Fief of Montarville.

MONSIEUR DE BOUCHERVILLE.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAULT, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Know ye that on the petition presented to us by Pierre Boucher de Boucherville, ensign in a company of the detachment of marines in this country, praying that, in consideration of the services which he has rendered during several years and still renders in this country, we may be pleased to grant him a concession of one league and thirty arpents in front by one league and a half in depth, of unconceded lands in the back country between the seigniories of Boucherville and Chambly, joining on the north east side the seigniorie of Varenne, and on the south west side the seigniorie of Tremblay, the whole under the title of fief and seigniorie, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) with

the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession ; having regard to the premises and to the services which have been rendered by the said *Sieur Boucher* in this country :

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Boucher*, a tract of land of one league and thirty arpents in front by one league and a half in depth in the unconceded lands in the back country between the seigniories of Boucherville and Chambly, joining on the north-east the seigniorie of Varenne, and on the south-west the seigniorie of Tremblay ; the whole under the title of fief, seigniorie, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, together with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ; subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) to be performed at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris ; subject also to the condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved all the oak timber fit for the building of the King's vessels ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to the governor and intendant of this country of any mines, ores or minerals which may be found within the said limits ; that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants ; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land immediately ; that he shall leave all roadways and passages necessary for the public utility, and shall also leave the shore free to all fishermen, save and except such part as he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any part of the said lands to erect buildings and fortifications thereon, he shall not be liable to any indemnity towards the proprietors of the same ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year ; and after such confirmation shall have been obtained, in default of his keeping house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the seventeenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ten.

Signed,

VAUDREUIL, and

RAUDOT.

By command of My Lords,

SEURRAT, and

DUMONTIER.

N^o 299.*Title of the Fief of Cloridon, in the Bay of Chaleurs.*

THE WIDOW MORIN.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Charles Morin, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the ungranted lands in the Bay of Chaleurs, to commence from the entrance of Seal River (*Rivière des Loups-Marins*), otherwise called in the Indian language "Pippe Chosseke," which runs out of the River Ristigouche, including therein the islands, islets and beaches which may be found in the said river Ristigouche, within the extent of the said concession, and as to the depth, two leagues running north-north-west, by two leagues in front running south-west along the said river Ristigouche, and give to the said concession the name of "Cloridon;"

We, in consideration of the services which the said Charles Morin has rendered during the preceding wars, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said concession in the upper part of the Bay of Chaleurs, at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, commencing at the entrance of the said River des Loups-Marins, otherwise called in the Indian language Pippe Chosseke, and going as far as the river Ristigouche, together with two leagues in front by three leagues in depth as hereinabove explained, and the islands, islets and beaches which may be found in the said river Ristigouche, within the extent of the said concession, and we do hereby give to the said concession the name of "Cloridon;" to have and to hold the same unto the said Charles Morin, his heirs and assigns, henceforth and for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession; on condition that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of that which the said Morin may require for his own fishery; that he shall pay fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, subject to the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the governor and intendant of this country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent; that he shall keep thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land as soon as the present war shall be ended; lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be bound to have these presents confirmed within one year, and after the confirmation obtained and the present war ended, and in default of his keeping house and home on the said concession, it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seals at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the second day of May one thousand seven hundred and seven.

Signed, VAUDREUIL.

RAUDOT,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

DUMONTIER.

And,

By command of His Lordship,

LAMORENDIERE.

VEUVE MOIREN.

N^o 300.

24TH OCTOBER 1708.

[Cah. of Int. Vol. 1, V. 181.]

Concession to the Sieur François Dumontier of one league and a half of land in front by three leagues in depth, in rear of the fief Grosbois, granted to the Sieur Boucher, and on the same compass lines as it (Fief Dumontier).

N^o 301.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France.

To all who these presents letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Bécancourt, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, the two small islands called "Bouchard Islands," situate near and adjacent to the large island bearing the same name, and also the beaches which are around the same, with the right of hunting and fishing;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us jointly with Mr. Duchesneau, Councillor to the King in his councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country, have given,

granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Bécancourt the said two small islands called the Bouchard Islands, situate near and adjacent to the large island bearing the same name, together with the beaches which are around the said two small islands; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said places; subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) by the said Sieur de Bécancourt, his said heirs and assigns, at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, which may be found within the extent of the said places; that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein; and that he shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-third day of November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

N^o 302.

Title of a tract of land of three leagues in front and running in depth as far as the River Chambly, conceded to Charles Lemoyne de Longueuil and annexed to his Seignior.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, &c.

ANTOINE DENIS RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Charles Lemoyne, Esquire, Seignior of Longueuil, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, and major of the town of Montreal, praying that in consideration of the knowledge which we have of his continual application and the great zeal which he has always had for the establishment of this

colony, of the heavy expences which he has incurred and continues daily to incur for that purpose, and of the services which he has rendered and now renders in this country ; and considering also that he intends to erect for the good and use of the public one or two saw mills on a small river which is partly situated in the depth of the said seigniory of Longueuil, towards Chambly, we would be pleased to grant him, for that purpose, a concession of three leagues of land in front through the whole of the ungranted lands in rear as far as the River Chambly, to wit : the continuation of one league and a half in front at the end of his said seigniory of Longueuil, running as far as the River Chambly, with one league and a half also in front on the south west side, at the end of the ungranted lands, running as far as the said river, on the same compass line as the other seigniories of this country ; the said three leagues of land in front to be united and incorporated with the said seigniory of Longueuil, under the same title and with the same rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*justice haute, moyenne et basse*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians, throughout the whole extent of the said concession ; having regard to the premises, and in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the said Sieur de Longueuil has rendered and still renders in this country ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Longueuil, three leagues of land in front, through all the ungranted lands in rear as far as the River Chambly, to wit : the continuation of one league and a half of land in front at the depth of the said seigniory of Longueuil, running as far as the said River Chambly, together with one league and a half also in front, on the south west side, at the end of the ungranted lands, running as far as the said river, on the same compass lines as the other seigniories of this country ; the said three leagues of land in front to be united with and form part as a continuations of the said seigniory of Longueuil, under the same title and with the same rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the said extent, subject on his part to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty or to the governor and intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said extent ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said lands ; that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; that he shall leave the beaches free to all fishermen, with the exception of that portion thereof which he may want for his own fishery ; and should hereafter His Majesty require any part of the said lands to erect buildings and forts thereon, His Majesty shall not be bound to pay any indemnity to the proprietors ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year ; and after the said confirmation shall have been obtained, in default by him of keeping house and home on the said concession, it shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done and given at Montreal, the eighth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ten.

Signed, VAUDREUIL,
RAUDOT.

By command of Their Lordships,

Signed, DUMONTIER, and
SEUVRAT.

N^o 303.

Title of the Barony of Portneuf.

TO THE SIEUR DE LA POTERIE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish a strong colony of natives of France in New France, so that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God, and reduced to a civilised life under the King's dominion, we have willingly received all those who have presented themselves to aid us in such a praiseworthy undertaking, and especially when we have found that they were disposed to undertake the cultivation of some portion of the lands granted to our company by the late King of glorious memory, and this is what induced our company to give and concede to the Sieur de la Poterie one league and a half of land in front on the River St. Lawrence, by three leagues in depth inland, as set forth in the deliberation of our said company of the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-six, since which time the said Sieur de la Poterie has taken possession of the above quantity of land, situated on the said River St. Lawrence, from the Rivulet (*ruisseau*) of la Roche to the Cap de Santé, and has enjoyed the same in consequence of the said deliberation without any title of concession having been delivered to him, as it is customary with the company to do in such cases, which having been represented to our company on behalf of the said Sieur de la Poterie; therefore, being fully certified of his praiseworthy qualities and of the long experience and the knowledge which he has acquired in the country of New France since he has resided there, and that he has cultivated and improved the said lands to the extension of the colony, for these and other causes hereunto moving us,

We have again, and as far as is necessary, given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our Sovereign Lord, by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the lands and places mentioned in our deliberation of the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-six, and of which the said Sieur de la Poterie says he has been in possession since the said time, and the boundary lines of which

shall be drawn in conformity with what is above stated ; to have and to hold unto the said Sieur de la Poterie the said grant in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, and subject to fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, in New France, or at any other place which may be hereafter designated by the said company, which said fealty and homage they shall be held to perform at each mutation of possessor, and to pay each year all rents and dues incident to fiefs of this description, the whole agreeably and in conformity with the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the company intends should be observed and followed throughout New France, and also on condition that the appeals from the judges who may be established at the above conceded place shall lie before the parliament and supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the said company at Quebec, or elsewhere in New France ; and moreover neither the said Sieur de la Poterie, nor his successors and assigns, nor those who shall go over to the said country to inhabit and cultivate the said lands, shall have the right to trade with the Indians for skins and furs, unless they be acknowledged as inhabitants of the said country, and in that capacity share in the concession of the trade which has been granted by the said company to the community of the inhabitants thereof, according to the agreements made by our company with the said inhabitants ; and although the said place is granted in full property, nevertheless neither the said Sieur de la Poterie, nor his successors or assigns, nor any other inhabitants of the same, shall have the right to obstruct the course of the River St. Lawrence, nor of any other rivers which may be found within the limits of the above conceded lands, nor to levy any duty on the boats or vessels which may pass up or down, or take upon themselves to stop them for any cause or pretext whatever ; and they shall also be held to leave a royal highway along the said River St. Lawrence, of twenty fathoms (*toises*) in breadth, to be taken from the border of the said River St. Lawrence, at the time when it is highest, to the lands nearest to the same ;

Commanding Monsieur de Montmagny, governor and lieutenant general for the King and for our company at Quebec, that he put the said Sieur de la Poterie in possession of the lands and places above conceded, and assign him the boundaries and limits of the same, and that of his proceedings therein he certify the company by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the partners in the Company of New France, held at their office on the sixteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In testimony whereof these presents have been executed, and the seal of our said company affixed thereto.

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

N^o 304.*Title of the Fief of Bourg-Marie, on the River Ouamaska.*

MONSIEUR DE THIERSANT.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

It having been exposed to us by Marie-Joseph Fezeret, that being aged seventeen years and of an age to be provided for, and her father and mother being unable to do so, on account of the state of their affairs, which is so bad that after their decease she would be under the misfortune of not being able to expect any property from them, which places her under the necessity of applying to us to help her father and mother to provide for her by conceding her a remnant of unconceded land of about fifty arpents in front by two leagues less one arpent in depth, on the River Ouamaska, running in depth towards the north-west, joining on the south-west the line of the seigniority of Bourchemin, on the north-east the line of the lands granted to the Sieur Charron, and on the north-west the rear of the seigniority of Sorel ; and also granting her, on the south-east side of the said river, another remnant of ungranted lands, of about sixty arpents in front by one league and a half in depth, running on the south-east towards the ungranted lands, joining on the south-west the Sieur Fezeret, her father, and on the north-east the seigniority of la Vallière ; the whole in fief, with all seigniorial rights ; which she hopes we will grant her the more willingly as she has had three brothers killed or disabled in the King's service, of which we, the Marquis de Vaudreuil, are cognizant, as they served under us ; having regard to the premises,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty and under his pleasure, have granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede unto the said Marie Fezeret the concession of a remnant of ungranted land, of about fifty arpents in front by two leagues less an arpent in depth, on the River Ouamaska, running in depth towards the north-east, joining on the south-east the line of the seigniority of Bourchemin, on the north-east the line of the lands conceded to the Sieur Charron, and on the north-west the rear of the seigniority of Sorel within the extent of the said concession ; and we do also hereby concede unto her another remnant of ungranted land on the south-east side of the said river, of about sixty arpents in front by one league and a half in depth, running on the south-east towards the ungranted lands, joining on the south-west side the Sieur Fezeret, her father, and on the north-east the seigniority of la Vallière ; to which concession we give the name of " Bourg-Marie " ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Marie Fezeret, her heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniority, with all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent thereof, subject to the condition that she shall leave the roadways which may be judged necessary for the public use, that she shall render fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris ; that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building

of His Majesty's ships ; that she shall give notice to the governor and the intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the extent of the said concession ; that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by her tenants ; that she shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land immediately after the present war ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, who hereby reserves to himself the right of disposing of the grounds which he may require, without paying any indemnity, in case he should hereafter be obliged to erect on the said concession forts and other buildings, and of taking the timber which may be necessary to build, fortify and enclose, also without being held to pay any indemnity ; and the said Marie-Joseph Fezeret shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, after which and at the end of the present war, she shall be held, within one year, to keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said concession, otherwise it shall be reunited to the King's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, this first day of August one thousand seven hundred and eight.

Signed, RAUDOT.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

LAMBERT.

And alongside is written,

Signed, VAUDREUIL.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

DUMONTIER.

And on the margin are affixed the seals at arms.

N^o 305.

Title of the Seigniorship of Deschênes or River Duchêne.

MONSIEUR DE ST. OURS, KNIGHT OF ST. LOUIS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that seeing the petition presented to us by the Sieur de St. Ours, captain, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, seigniorship and jurisdiction, two leagues of land in front, along the River St. Lawrence, to commence at four arpents this side of the River Duchesne, ascending along the said River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth in the ungranted lands, and seeing also the title

granted by Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant of justice, police and finances in the said country, giving him permission to work on the said land, with the promise of delivering him a deed of concession thereof, dated the ——— one thousand six hundred and sixty ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the services which the said *Sieur de St. Ours* has rendered to His Majesty, as well in France as in this country, where he has settled several years since, and being desirous of inducing him to continue them for the future, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur de St. Ours* two leagues of land in front along the River St. Lawrence, to commence at four arpents below the River Descheneas, ascending along the said River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth in the interior of the said lands ; to have and to hold the whole unto him, his heirs and assigns, in fief, seignior and jurisdiction, subject to the condition of performing fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis in this city of Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of the city of Quebec ; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default thereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said *Sieur de St. Ours* shall preserve on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house the oak timber fit for ship building, and moreover that he shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber within the extent of the private concessions made to his tenants ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores or minerals which may be found within the extent of the said fief, and subject also to the condition that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

Signed,

BEGON.

N^o 306.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de St. Ours, captain, by which he represents that Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant of justice, police and finances in this country, has granted him, in His Majesty's name, a concession along the River St. Lawrence, opposite which there are several small islands fit only for pasture, being for the greatest part of the year covered by water, and so low that it is almost impossible to erect any habitation thereon, praying that, seeing the advantage of which the feeding of cattle might be to him for the augmentation of his settlement, we would be pleased to grant them to him, and add them to the title of concession which he has obtained for his said land ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de St. Ours has rendered to His said Majesty, and of the zeal with which he continues to serve him on all occasions, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de St. Ours, his heirs and assigns, the islands which are opposite his concession ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de St. Ours, his heirs and assigns, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in the deed of concession granted to him by the said Sieur Talon, of the 29th day of October 1672, and on condition that he shall have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

N^o 307.*Title of the Fief of St. François.*

JEAN BAPTISTE PRÉVOST.

CHARLES HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY, &c.

In virtue of the power entrusted to us by Messieurs of the Company of New France, we have distributed and granted, under the pleasure of Messieurs of the said Company, unto

Jean Bourdon, engineer and land-surveyor in New France aforesaid, an extent of about seventy-five arpents of land covered with growing wood, and in *roture*, situate in the Banlieue of Quebec, included within the following limits and boundaries, to wit: bounded on one side, to the south-west by the Ste. Genevieve road, on the other side, to the north-east, by the lands not yet granted by Messieurs of the said Company, at one end towards the south-east by a line parallel to the road going from Quebec to Cap Rouge, and at the other end towards the north-west by the Coteau Ste. Genevieve; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Jean Bourdon, himself, his heirs and assigns, fully, peaceably and in simple *roture*, subject to the charges and *censives* which Messieurs of the said Company may ordain, and on condition that the said Jean Bourdon shall cause work to be done on the said land and the same to be cleared, and that he shall suffer the roads which the officers of Messieurs of the said Company may establish to run through his lands, if the said officers deem it expedient, and that he shall take a title of concession from Messieurs of the said Company of the said lands by us granted to him.

Done at the Fort St- Louis of Quebec, this tenth day of May one thousand six hundred and forty-six.

Signed, C. HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY.

And lower down,

By command of Monsieur the Governor,

Signed, TRONQUET.

N^o 308.

CHARLES HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY, Sec.

In virtue of the power entrusted to us by Messieurs of the Company of New France, we have given and granted, under the pleasure of Messieurs of the said Company, to the venerable and discreet person Monsieur Jean Le Sueur, esquire, priest, curate of St. Sauveur, an extent of about fifty arpents of land covered with growing wood and in *roture*, being in the Banlieue of Quebec, at the Coteau St. Genevieve, included in the following boundaries and limits, to wit: bounded on one side, towards the south-east, by a road running south-east and north-west or thereabouts, on the other side, towards the north-east, also by a road running south-east and north-west, at one end towards the south-east by a road distant twelve toises from the main road going from Quebec to Cap Rouge, and at the other end by the Coteau St. Genevieve, which said roads are eighteen feet wide and which shall be used as highways; to have and to hold the said fifty arpents of land unto the said Sieur de St. Sauveur, his heirs and assigns, fully and peaceably, in simple *roture*, under the charges which Messieurs of the Company may ordain, and on condition that he shall cause work to be done for the clearing of the same, and that he shall suffer the roads which may be established by the officers of Messieurs of the said Company to run through his lands, if the said officers deem it expedient, and that he shall take a title of concession of the said lands by us granted to him from Messieurs of the said Company.

Done at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this last day of October one thousand six hundred and forty-six.

Signed, HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship the Governor,

Signed, TRONQUET.

N^o 309.

JEAN DE LAUZON, &c.

To all to who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the information which has been given to us, that the common heretofore granted to the inhabitants of Quebec and the neighborhood was of too large an extent, and on which common the inhabitants did no work nor clearing, so that it remained uncultivated and useless, and even that it might serve as a retreat for the enemies, and that in any case there would remain an extent of land large enough on this side of the line of the Indians, after we should have conceded to the Sieur Bourdon and the Sieur St. Sauveur the prolongation of the concessions which they have at the place called St. François, in the Côte St. Geneviève, as far as the River St. Charles ; therefore, and having regard to the expence which the said Sieurs Bourdon and St. Sauveur incur at the said place for the purpose of protecting Quebec from the incursions of the Iroquois, and in order to give them courage to continue :

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur Jean Le Sueur, esquire, priest, curate of St. Sauveur, an inhabitant of New France, the extent of land which may be found between his concession of fifty arpents of land, granted to him in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, on the twenty-ninth day of March, by the said Company, and the River St. Charles ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de St. Sauveur, his successors or assigns, for ever, subject to the conditions contained in his said concession, and moreover subject to the payment every year of six deniers of *cens* for each arpent, payable on the festival day of St. Remy, the first of October, to the receiver of the Company's domain at Quebec ; the said *cens* bearing *lois et ventes, saisine et amende*, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris.

Commanding the grand seneschal of New France, if necessary, to put the said Sieur de St. Sauveur in possession of the above lands, and moreover to assign the limits and boundaries of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.



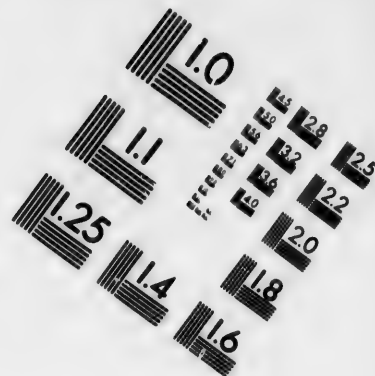
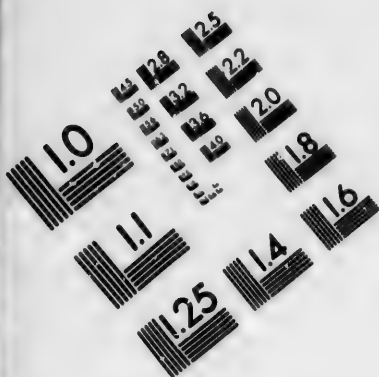
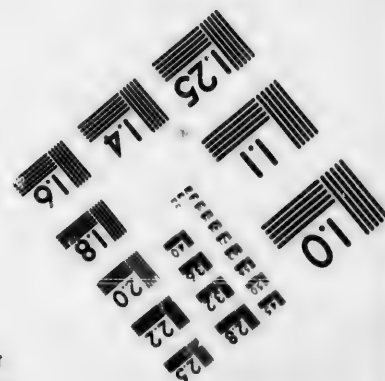
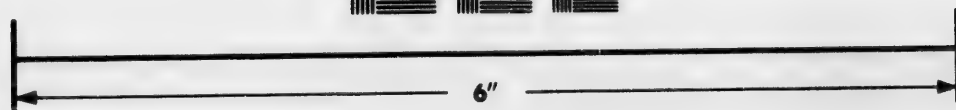
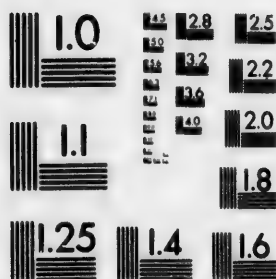


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At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this thirtieth day of December, one thousand six hundred and fifty-three.

Signed, LAUZON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

DURAND.

N^o 310.

JEAN DE LAUZON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the information given to us, that the common heretofore granted to the inhabitants of Quebec and of its neighborhood, was of too large an extent and that the inhabitants did no work thereon, so that it remained uncultivated and useless, and that in any case there would always remain a sufficient quantity of land on this side of the line of Indians, after we should have granted the Sieur Bourdon and the Sieur de St. Sauveur the prolongation of the concessions which they have at the place called St. François, in the Côte St. Geneviève, as far as the River St. Charles ; and also having regard to the expences which they have incurred in order to protect Quebec from the irruptions of the Iroquois, and to enable them to continue :

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, have given, granted and conceded and do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur Jean Bourdon, engineer of New France, the extent of land which is and may be found between the concession of seventy-five arpents of land granted him in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, on the twenty-ninth day of March, by the said Company, and the River St. Charles ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs, successors or assigns, for ever, under the conditions contained in his said concession, and moreover subject to the condition of paying, each year, six *deniers* of *cens* for each arpent, on the festival day of St. Remy, the first of October, payable to the receiver of the said Company's domain at Quebec ; the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine et amende*, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris.

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France to put the said Sieur Bourdon in possession of the above lands, if necessary, and to assign the boundaries and limits of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this thirtieth of December, one thousand six hundred and fifty-three.

Signed, LAUZON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

DURAND.

N^o 311.

Title of the Fief of Bay St. Antoine.

THE SIEUR LEFÈVRE.

THE SIEURS LEFÈVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre aforesaid, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty throughout the whole of North France and Acadia; and

DEMEULLES, Seignior of la Source and other places, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant in the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Jacques Lefèvre, an inhabitant of Three Rivers, praying that we would be pleased to grant him a concession in the ungranted lands, of about two leagues in front, joining on the north east side the land belonging to the Sieur de Cressé, on the other that of the Sieur de la Lussaudière, on the south west and north west Lake St. Peter, by a similar depth to be taken in the woods opposite the said width, together with the islands, islets and meadows which may be found within the said space, and the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting and fishing within the extent of the said places;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Jacques Lefèvre the said space of land hereinabove described, together with the islands, islets and meadows which may be found in the same; to have and to hold the same hereafter unto him, his heirs and assigns, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and the right of hunting and fishing within the extent of the said places; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Jacques Lefèvre, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Lewis in Quebec, of which they shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, and agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established there shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers; also on

condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*seu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Jacques Lefevre shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants, within the said extent, the oak timber fit for ship building; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein; that he shall leave and cause to be left the necessary roadways and passages; and that he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared and inhabited, and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years to be computed from the date of these presents, otherwise the said concession shall be null and void; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within the said time.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the fourth day of September, one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, **LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, and**
DEMEULLES.

By command of Their Lordships,

REGNAULT.

Nº 312.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Louis Godefroy, Esquire, Sieur de Normanville, King's attorney at Three Rivers, stating that having a concession, under the title of fief and seigniorie, along Lake St. Peter, near Three Rivers, there is between the same and the concession of the Sieur Seigneuret, his father in law, a beach or lot of ground containing a superficies of about one hundred arpents, bordering on the said lake, separated by a line running north east and south west, bounded by and contiguous to the said two concessions, which said lot of ground is not yet conceded and would be very useful to him for the pasturing of his cattle, if we would be pleased to grant him the same and join it to the title of his said concession,

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given and conceded, and by these presents do give and concede unto the said Sieur de Normanville the said beach or lot of ground bordering on the said lake, separated by the line running north west and south east between his said concession and that of the Sieur Seigneuret, the said lot of ground containing one hundred arpents or thereabouts in superficies, to be united and incor-

porated in the title of his said concession, and he enjoyed him, his heirs and assigns for ever, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in his said title.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the thirteenth day of September, one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

Signed, DE TONNANCOUR.

" BÉGON.

N^o 313.

Title of the Fief of Tonnancour.

MONSIEUR DE TONNANCOUR.

We, Pierre Boucher, Esquire, Sieur de Grosbois, Governor of Three Rivers, civil and criminal lieutenant general of Monsieur the grand seneschal of New France, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by Monseigneur de Lauzon, Knight, King's Councillor, &c., and under his pleasure, have given and conceded, and do give and concede unto Master Jean Sauvaget, fiscal attorney of the said place, a land and concession on the north side of Lake St. Peter, at the Pointe du Lac, containing three fourths of a league in depth inland, to be enjoyed by the said Sauvaget and Etienne Seigneuret, his son in law, their successors or assigns, fully and peaceably, for ever, in fief, holding by one homage of Quebec; subject to the payment of the revenue of the said lands at each mutation of possessor, and with all rights; the said Seigneuret and Sauvaget shall cause the said lands to be inhabited throughout their extent, and work to be done thereon within four years from this date; the said Sauvaget and Seigneuret, or others possessing the said lands, shall suffer the roads which may be established by the officers of the Company of New France to run through their said lands, if the said officers think it expedient; and shall cause the present concession to be confirmed by Monseigneur de Lauzon within one year from this date, in default whereof it shall be and remain null.

Done at our hotel at Three Rivers, the last day of July one thousand six hundred and fifty-six.

Signed, BOUCHER.

N^o 314.

LOUIS DE BUADE, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Anne Dupuis, widow of the late Master Jean Sauvaget, her husband, in his lifetime fiscal attorney of the town of Three Rivers, by which she represents that the Sieur Boucher, heretofore governor of Three Rivers, had conceded to her said late husband, in fief, a tract of land on the north side of Lake St. Peter, at the Pointe du Lac, consisting of three fourths of a league towards Three Rivers, by two leagues in depth, as appears by the title-deed delivered to him by the said Sieur Boucher, on the last day of July 1656, at the foot of which is the confirmation of the said concession by Monsieur de Lnuzon, then governor of this country, the fifth day of August following; the said widow Sauvaget praying that, as there are three arpents or thereabouts still ungranted in front and adjoining her said fief and the concession of one Claude Jutreau, we would be pleased to grant them to her, with two leagues in depth, and add them to her said title;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame Dupuis, widow of the said late Sauvaget, the said three arpents or thereabouts of land in front, lying and being between her said fief and the concession of the said Jutreau, by two leagues in depth towards the interior; to have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, the said three arpents or thereabouts, by the above depth, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in her said title, for so it has been granted.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Three-Rivers, the thirteenth day of August, one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By Command of His Lordship,

BARROIS.

G. DE TONNANCOUR.

BEGON.

N^o 315.*Title of the Fief of Pierreville.*

MONSIEUR HERTEL.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seigneur of la Barre, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty over the whole of New France and Acadia ; and

DEMEULLES, Seigneur of la Source, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said Country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Laurent Philipès, an inhabitant of St. François, praying that we would be pleased to grant him one league and a half of land in front by one league in depth, joining on one side towards the south-west the unconceded lands, at the other side towards the north-west, at one end the seigniory of the Sieur Crevier, and at the other the unconceded lands, together with the islands and islets which may be found within the limits of the said league in depth, including the River St. François in the said depth, so that it shall be in the center of the said league in depth, and to grant him the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting and fishing within the extent of the said tract of land, on which he offers to make immediately several clearings ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Laurent Philipès the said league and a half of land in front by one league in depth, as I have above described ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting and fishing within the said extent, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Laurent Philipès, his said heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers ; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them ; and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Laurent Philipès shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber which may be found fit for ship building, and that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found thereon ; that he shall leave and cause to be left the necessary roadways and passages, and that he shall cause the said tract of land to be cleared and inhabited within two years to be computed from this date, otherwise the said concession shall be null and void ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within the said time.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Done at Montreal, the third day of August one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

Signed, LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE,
DE'EULLES.

And lower down,

By command of Their Lordships,
REGNAULT.

N^o 316.

Title of the Fief of St. Paul's Island, for the two thirds thereof.

MONSIEUR DE SENNEVILLE.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Seigneur of la Doucinière and Ambrault, one of the King's Councillors in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of New France.

As we proceeded to the making up of the register of lands (*papier terrier*) of the domain of New France, in consequence of the decree of the King's council of state, held at the camp of Luting in the county of Namur, on the fourth day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, and of our ordinance passed in pursuance thereof, on the twenty-fifth day of May last ;

Appeared before us the Sieur Jacques Le Ber, merchant, residing in this city of Montreal (*Ville-Marie*), who represented to us that being in the city of Paris in the year one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, together with Claude Robutel, Sieur de St. André, and Jean de la Vigne, there was granted to them by Monsieur de Lauzon, as tutor and having the guardianship (*garde noble*) of the minor children of the late Sieur de Lauzon, grand seneschal of this country, his son, a certain island called St. Paul, lying and being in the great River St. Lawrence, near this said city, together with the adjacent islands and beaches, by title-deed dated at Paris the twenty-eighth day of January of the said year one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, to have and to hold the same, themselves, their heirs and assigns, in full property, under the title of *fief noble*, with mean and inferior jurisdiction (*moyenne et basse justice*) only, reserving a noble and seigniorial rent of six bushels of good and merchantable wheat, unredeemable and payable by them jointly and severally as long as they should hold the property in common, and in case it should be divided between them by equal shares, three fiefs would be formed of it and three several homages (*hommages*) performed for the same, and the rent also would be divided into three, making two bushels of wheat for each separately, the said rent payable every year on the festival day of St. Martin in the winter, at the seigniorial seat of la Cité, in perpetuity, and one year's revenue as a redemption fine (*rachat*) at each mutation of possessor, according to

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the Custom of the *Vexin Français* included in that of Paris ; of which said St. Paul's Island, islets and beaches and dependencies the said Sieur Le Ber now possesses two thirds, to wit : his own third in virtue of the said title-deed, and that of the said Sieur de la Vigne, who had made a donation thereof to Marie Le Ber, by deed passed before the King's Notary, at the Chatelet of Paris, on the fourteenth day of February one thousand six hundred and sixty-nine, and registered (*insinué*) at the said Chatelet on the twenty-seventh of the said month and year, which said Marie Le Ber has made a donation thereof to the said Sieur Jacques Le Ber, her brother, by deed passed before Bequet, Royal Notary at Quebec, the thirtieth day of August of the said year one thousand six hundred and sixty-nine, and registered (*insinué*) at the royal provostship of the said place ; the said Sieur Le Ber praying that, whereas the said fief has been divided between him and the said Sieurs de St. André and de la Vigne, by deed passed before De Mouchoy, then Notary in this said city, on the fourteenth day of November of the said year one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, of which he possesses two shares as aforesaid, the lands of which are of too little value to make two seigniories thereof according to the said title, which stipulates that in case of division three fiefs shall be formed of, and three homages paid for the same, which would be very onerous to him, especially if he were obliged to follow the Custom of the *Vexin Français* mentioned in the said title, which Custom cannot subsist, being contrary to that which is followed in this country, as mentioned in all the titles of fiefs holding of His Majesty's domain, even in those which were granted by Monsieur Talon in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, under the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shows that it is not His Majesty's intention that any other should be followed in this country ; and moreover that the said seignior of la Citére having been reunited to His Majesty's domain, there is no place in the country representing the same ;—

We would be pleased to order that, in future, the said two shares which he possesses of the said Island of St. Paul and the adjacent islets and beaches shall be and remain united into one, and form but one seignior which shall be called St. Paul, to be held of His Majesty in fief and all rights of seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), subject to the usage and Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which is followed in this country, without any other charges or dues, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the royal jurisdiction next to the same ;

Having seen the said title dated as above, and it having appeared to us by several concessions granted by Monsieur Talon, then intendant in this country, and of which the said seignior of la Citére was composed, without any mention being made of the same, or of the conditions under which Monsieur de Lauzon, governor, having the guardianship (*garde noble*) of the children of the said late grand seneschal, his son, seignior of la Citére, had granted and conceded a portion of the lands of the said seignior of la Citére which has been reunited to the King's domain, nor of the charges imposed by the Custom of the *Vexin Français*, which shows that it is not His Majesty's intention that any other Custom should be followed in this country but that of the provostship and viscounty of Paris :

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and under his pleasure, have reunited and by these presents do reunite the said two shares of St. Paul's Island and the

adjacent islets and beaches into one and the same, to be called hereafter St. Paul, and possessed and enjoyed by the said Sieur Le Ber, his heirs and assigns, in fief, with all rights of seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Le Ber, his said heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold in future, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, for all dues, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established in the said seignior of Saint Paul shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of the town of Three Rivers, until it shall have pleased the King to establish one nearer to the said seignior; on condition also that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building, which may be found on the said seignior; that he shall give immediate notice to the King of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found therein, and that he shall leave thereon the necessary roadways and passages; and an acknowledgement (*acte*) is hereby granted to the said Sieur Le Ber that he has this day rendered to our sovereign lord (*sire*) the King, in our hands, the fealty and homage which he is held to render and perform on account of the said seignior of St. Paul, conformably with these presents, in fulfilment of his duty as a vassal, bare-headed, without sword or spurs, to which we have received and do receive him by these presents, saving the right of the King and of others in all things, and he has made oath of well and faithfully serving the King and of informing us or our successors if he learn that any thing is being done against His Majesty's service, and we have dispensed him, for this time only, from going to the said Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, on condition that he shall give his *aveu et dénombrement* of the portion which is inhabited of the said lands, within forty days, agreeably to the Custom, and the said Sieur Le Ber has signed the original of these presents, which said presents we have signed with our hand and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at our hotel in the town of *Ville-Marie*, in the Island of Montreal, the eighteenth day of July, one thousand six hundred and seventy-six.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

BEQUET,

With a flourish.

N^o 317.*Title of the Fief of Port Joly.*

MONSIEUR GANPÉ.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, Count de Frontenac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by Noel Langlois, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seigniority, two leagues of land in front along the river St. Lawrence, on the south side thereof, to commence running from the land belonging to the Demoiselle La Combe, ascending the said River St. Lawrence as far as the concession of the Demoiselle Genevieve Couillard, by two leagues in depth, on which he has had some work done since three years, and caused the same to be bounded by Jean Lerouge, sworn land-surveyor, according to the permission which we granted him at the time, and moreover to grant him the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said place, praying for that quantity of land because the most part thereof is unfit for cultivation, on account of the rocks and inaccessible places;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty jointly with Monsieur Duchesneau, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Langlois two leagues of land in front along the River St. Lawrence, on the south side of the same, to commence running from the lands belonging to the Demoiselle La Combe, ascending the said river as far as the concession of the Demoiselle Genevieve Couillard, by two leagues in depth; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniority, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the said place; subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Langlois, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; on condition also that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, in default whereof he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building; that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found thereon; and that he shall leave and cause to be left the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-fifth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

N^o 316.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, Count de Frontenac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Berthier, captain, stating that he acquired from the Sieur Raudin, ensign, a land in fief along the River St. Lawrence, of one league in depth, to be taken from the concession of the Sieur de Comporté to the ungranted lands, by deed passed between them the third day of November last, to which he prays that we would be pleased to add one league in depth in rear of the same, commencing at a distance of about three fourths of a league below in front, which may extend as far as the River Chicot, by two leagues in depth, together with an island of about one league in circumference, adjacent to and below the Isle Raudin, opposite that which is called Isle du Pas, the whole to be united and incorporated with the said land acquired by him from the said Sieur Raudin ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and in consideration of the good and praiseworthy services which the said Sieur Berthier has rendered to His Majesty, and of the affection with which he professes himself willing to continue to serve him on all occasions, have, to the said Sieur Berthier, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede one league of land in depth, in rear of the extent of his said land, and the lands in front adjoining and below the same as far as the River Chicot, containing about three fourths of a league by two leagues in depth, and moreover an island of one league in superficies, situate below and adjacent to the Isle Raudin, opposite that which is called Isle du Pas, the whole to be and remain united and incorporated with his said land ; to have and to hold the same and the said island unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those mentioned in the deed of concession granted to the Sieur Raudin by Monsieur Talon, heretofore intendant, on the 29th day of October 1672, and under the condition that he shall have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-seventh day of April one thousand six hundred and seventy-four.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

N° 319.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Fro .ennac, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Berthier, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, an island situate at the end of that which is called Beaver Island (*Isle au Castor*), on the north-east side thereof, descending towards Lake St. Peter, opposite Isle du Pas, together with the right of hunting and fishing within the extent of the same, which would be convenient to him for the pasturing of his cattle ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty jointly with Monsieur Dachesneau, intendant, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Berthier the island situate at the end of that which is called Isle au Castor, on the north-east side thereof, descending towards Lake St. Peter, opposite Isle du Pas ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the same ; on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Berthier, his heirs and assigns shall be held to do at Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeable to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; on condition also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building ; that he shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of March one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

N^o 320.*Title of the Fief of Monnoir on the River des Hurons, near Chambly.*

MONSIEUR DE RAMESAY.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Ramesay, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, governor for the King of the city of Montreal, by which he prays us to grant him a concession of two leagues in front by three leagues in depth of the ungranted lands along the River des Hurons, joining on the south west side the seigniory of Chambly, and on the other the ungranted lands, running from the north east to the south west, together with the islands which may be found in the said river, opposite the said concession, the whole under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent thereof, and that we would give to the said concession the name of "Monnoir;" having regard to the premises, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de Ramesay has rendered and still renders in this country,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Ramesay the said concession of two leagues in front, by three leagues in depth, to commence at the seigniory of Chambly, along the River des Hurons, running from the north east to the south west, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said river, opposite the said concession, and do hereby give to the said concession the name of "Monnoir;" to have and to hold the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the same; on condition that he shall leave the roadways necessary for the public use; that he shall pay fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Governor and Intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals, which may be found within the extent of the said seigniory; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; and that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said land immediately after the present war; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, who hereby reserves to himself the right of disposing of the grounds which he may require, without paying any indemnity, should he hereafter be obliged to cause forts or other buildings to be erected on the said concession, and the right of taking on the same the timber fit for building, fencing and fortifying, which may be necessary to him, also without being held to pay any indemnity therefor; and the said Sieur de Ramesay shall be held to have these

presents confirmed within one year, and after the said confirmation shall have been obtained and the present war ended, in default of his keeping house and home thereon within the year, the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, this twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eight.

Signed,

VAUDREUIL.

RAUDOT.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

DUMONTIER,

And,

By command of Mylord,

LAMORANDIÈRE.

DE RAMESAY.

BÉGON.

N^o 321.

Title of the Fief of Ramesay.

MONSIEUR DE RAMESAY.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUD, &c.

JACQUES RAUDOT, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Ramesay, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, governor for the King of the town of Montreal, by which he prays us to grant him a concession of three leagues in front, by three leagues in depth, of the unconceded lands, to wit: one league and a half below the River Scibouet, which falls into the River Yamaska, and on which he intends to have a saw mill erected, and one league and a half above, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said river, opposite the said concession, running north east and south west, the whole under the title of fief and seignior, with the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and that of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession, and that we would give to the said concession the name

of "Ramesay;" having regard to the premises, and in consideration of the services which the said Sieur de Ramesay has rendered and still renders in this country,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, and under his pleasure, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Ramesay, the said concession of three leagues in front by three leagues in depth, running north east and south west, together with the islands and islets which may be found in the said river, opposite the said concession, and we do hereby give to the said concession the name of "Ramesay;" to have and to hold the same, unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, with all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, and of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the same, on condition that he shall leave free the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; that he shall pay fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King or to the governor and intendant of this country of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein; that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; and that he shall clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land immediately after the present war; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, who hereby also reserves to himself the right of disposing of the grounds which he may require, without paying any indemnity, should he hereafter be obliged to cause forts and other buildings to be erected on the said concession, and likewise that of taking on the same all the timber fit for building, fencing and fortifying, which may be necessary to him, also without paying any indemnity; and the said Sieur de Ramesay shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year; and after the said confirmation obtained, in default of keeping house and home thereon within one year, the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In witness whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretaries.

Done at Quebec, the seventeenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ten.

Signed on the original,

VAUDREUIL,
RAUDOT.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

DUMONTIER,

And,

By command of Mylord,

LAMORANDIERE.

N^o 322.*Title of the Fief commonly called Mitis.*

THE DEMOISELLE WIDOW DESTARGIS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on what has been represented to us by the Sieur Jean Baptiste de Peiras, councillor to the King in his supreme council of this country, that he desires that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, two leagues of land in front along the south side of the River St. Lawrence, to be taken from the middle of the width of the river called Mitis, or otherwise the Islands of St. Barnabé, descending along the said river, by two leagues in depth, and also to grant him the three islands or islets called St. Barnabé, which are opposite, in order that he may carry on the herring and other fisheries within the extent of the said two leagues in front, clear the lands, and erect thereon the buildings which may be necessary to him for that undertaking, which cannot but be very useful to this country ;

We, in order to enable the said Sieur de Peiras to carry into execution his good intentions, and by his example induce others do to the same, which would open the trade of the West India Islands and other places where the fish that will be taken may be profitably sold, have, in virtue of the power conferred upon us by His Majesty, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Peyras two leagues of land in front along the south side of the river St. Lawrence, to be taken from the middle of the river called Mitis, which shall henceforth be called the river....., descending the said river St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth, together with the three islands and islets which are called St. Barnabé, and the right of fishing and hunting, and also that of trading with the Indians ; to have and to hold the said lands and islands above described, unto the said Sieur de Peyras, his heirs and assigns, in full property and with all the rights of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur de Peiras, his heirs and assigns, shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Quebec ; on condition also that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of their so doing, he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de Peiras shall preserve the oak timber which may be found on the land which he shall have reserved for his principal manor house, and that he shall stipulate the preservation of such oak timber fit for ship building within the limits of the private concessions made to his tenants ; also that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said fief ;

and moreover on condition that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the sixth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-five.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And alongside is a seal, and below is written:

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

N° 323.

Title of the Fief of la Pocatière.

MONSIEUR D'AUTEUIL.

JEAN TALON, Councillor to the King in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in New France, the Island of Newfoundland, Acadia, and other countries in North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

The Demoiselle Marie Anne Juchereau, widow of the late Monsieur de la Combe Pocatière, in his life time retired captain of the regiment of Carignan, and quarter master of the said regiment, having prayed us to grant her some land in seigniority:

We, in consideration of the good, useful and praiseworthy services which the said late Sieur de la Combe has rendered His Majesty in different places as well in Old as in New France, where he came by order of His Majesty, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His said Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Demoiselle de la Combe the extent of one league and a half of land in front by the same depth, on the River St. Lawrence, joining on one side the concession made to Monsieur de St. Denis, on the other side the unconceded lands, in front the said river, and in rear the unconceded lands; to have and to hold the said lands in seigniority, fief and jurisdiction, herself, her heirs and assigns, for ever, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said widow La Combe, her heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the judge of the said place shall lie before the _____; subject also to the condition that she shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*)

on the said seigniory, and that she shall stipulate in the contracts which she may pass with her tenants, that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which she may grant or have granted them, and that in default thereof she shall resume of right the possession of the said lands; that the said Demoiselle de La Combe shall reserve all the oak timber which may be found within the limits of the land which she may have set aside for her principal manor house, and that she shall stipulate the reservation of such oak timber within the limits of the private concessions made to her tenants, fit for the building of vessels; also that she shall immediately give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found within the limits of the said fief; and that she shall leave therein all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto and the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

At Quebec this twenty-ninth October, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, VARNIER.

N^o 324.

Title of the Fief St. Maurice, in the River of Three Rivers.

THE SIEUR POULIN.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Seigneur of la Doucinière and Ambrault, Councillor to the King in his State and Privy Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland, and other Countries of North France.

As we proceeded to the making of the terrier of the domain of New France in consequence of the decree of His Majesty's council of state, held at the camp of Lutin in the county of Namur, on the fourth day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, and of our ordinance thereon passed on the twenty-fifth day of May last,

Before us appeared Jeanne Jalope, widow of the late Master Maurice Poulin, Sieur de la Fontaine, in his life time King's attorney for the royal jurisdiction of Three Rivers, who, as well in her own name as in her capacity of tutrix to the children of the said deceased and of herself, has represented to us that Monsieur Talon, then intendant for His Majesty in this country, had induced the said late Sieur Poulin to cause work to be done on a certain land situate on the south-west side of the river called Three Rivers, with promise to

give him a title-deed for the same, as it is mentioned in his letter of the tenth day of January one thousand six hundred and sixty-eight, since which time large clearings have been made and several buildings erected on the said land, as well by the said deceased as by herself in her said capacities, and a portion of the same has been conceded, but as she or her children might be troubled in the possession of the said place on account of their having no titles, she prays that we would be pleased to give, grant and concede unto her one league of land in front on the said River of Three Rivers, by two leagues in depth inland, to be taken partly above and partly below the place where the said works have been done, including the same, with the right of fishing in the said river, opposite the said league in front, the whole in the ungranted lands, in fief, jurisdiction and seigniority holding of His Majesty's domain, subject to the usage and Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ;

Seeing the said letter dated as above, and considering the services rendered by the said Sieur Poulin during several years in the said office of King's attorney without any salary, and also the work done in the said place for the improvement of this colony,

We, under His Majesty's pleasure, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said widow Poulin, in her said capacities, one league of land in front on the south-west side of the river called Three Rivers, to be taken partly above and partly below the place where the said work has been done by her on the same, by two leagues in depth, together with the right of fishing in the said river opposite the said league in front, provided the said lands are not conceded to any other persons ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Jeanne Jalope, her said children, their heirs and assigns, in fief, with all the rights of seigniority, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which they shall be bound to do at the Castle of St. Louis in the city of Quebec, of which they shall hold under the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ; on condition also that the said widow Poulin, in her said capacities, shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seigniority ; that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found on the said concession ; that she shall immediately give notice to the King of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the said place, and that she shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages ; a certificate whereof is hereby given.

And the said Jeanne Jalope having declared herself unable to write or sign her name, on being asked to do so, we have signed these presents with our hand, and caused the same to be countersigned by our Secretary.

Done at Three Rivers, in our hotel, the fourth day of August one thousand six hundred and seventy-six.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

BECQUET.

N° 325.

TO PIERRE LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish a strong colony of natives of France in New France, in order that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God, and brought to lead a civilised life under the King's dominion, we have willingly received all those who have come forward to help us in that praiseworthy undertaking, and especially when we have found that they were disposed to undertake the cultivation of some portion of the lands granted to our said company by the late King of glorious memory, therefore, being fully certified of the good qualities of Pierre Le Gardeur, Esquire, Sieur de Repentigny, for these and other causes hereunto moving us,

We have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our Sovereign Lord, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto him the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say: four leagues of land to be taken along the River St. Lawrence, on the north side thereof, joining on one side the lands heretofore conceded to the Sieurs Chevrier and Le Royer, ascending the said River St. Lawrence from the boundary which shall be set up between the said lands of the Sieurs Chevrier and Le Royer and those hereby conceded, as far as the said space of four leagues shall extend, at which place another boundary shall be set up; the said extent of four leagues by six leagues in depth in the interior of the lands, to be possessed and enjoyed by the said Sieur de Repentigny, his successors or assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, subject to fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his successors or assigns shall be held to perform at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, in New France, or at any other place which may be hereafter appointed by the said company, which fealty and homage they shall be held to perform at each mutation of possessor, and to pay all the rents and dues which are incident to fiefs of this nature, the whole agreeably to and in conformity with the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the company intends should be followed and observed throughout the whole of New France, and on condition that the appeals from the judges who may be established at the said place shall lie before the parliament and supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the said company at Quebec, or elsewhere in New France; moreover that neither the said Sieur de Repentigny, his successors or assigns, nor those who may go to the said country to inhabit and cultivate the above lands, shall have the right of trading for skins and furs with the Indians, unless they have been acknowledged as inhabitants of the country, and in that capacity share in the grant of the trade which has been made by the company to the community of the inhabitants, according to the agreements made between the said company and the said inhabitants; and although the said lands are granted in full property, nevertheless neither the said Sieur de Repentigny, his successors or assigns, nor any other inhabitants of the same, shall have the right to obstruct the course of the River St. Lawrence, or of any other rivers which may be found within the said above conceded lands, nor of levying any duties

on the vessels or boats going up or down, nor of stopping them for any cause or pretext whatever; and moreover they shall be held to leave a royal highway on the River St. Lawrence, of twenty fathoms (*toises*) in width, to be taken from the side of the said River St. Lawrence, when it is highest, into the lands bordering thereon.

Hereby commanding Monsieur de Montmagny, governor at Quebec for the King and for our company, that he put the said Sieur de Repentigny in possession of the lands and places above conceded, and assign him the boundaries and limits thereof, and that of the *procès-verbal* to be made of his proceedings in this matter he certify the company by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the co-partners of the Company of New France, held in the office of the said Company at Paris the sixteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In witness whereof we have delivered these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with the seal of our said company.

By the Company,

Signed,

LAMY.

"

LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

"

BÉGON.

N^o 326.

JEAN BAPTISTE LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

JEAN TALON, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty we have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Sieur de Repentigny the two islands called Bourdon, heretofore claimed by the Sieur de Musseaux and by him ceded by an agreement made between them, to be enjoyed by him, under the same rights as he now enjoys his land and seignior of Repentigny called l'Assomption, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Repentigny, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; on condition also that he shall continue to keep or cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior, and that he shall stipulate in the titles which he may grant to his tenants that they shall be held within one year to reside and keep house and home on the concessions which he may

grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; that the said Sieur de Repentigny shall preserve the oak timber fit for ship-building, which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and that he shall stipulate the preservation of such oak timber within the limits of the said private concessions made or to be made; also that he shall give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found thereon; also under the condition that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the third November, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two.

Signed, TALON,
With a flourish.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

VARNIER,
With a flourish.

N° 327.

THE SIEUR LEMOINE DE LONGUEUIL.

LOUIS DE BUADE FRONTENAC, &c.,

Greeting :

The affection which the Sieur Lemoine, Esquire, Sieur de Longueuil, has always manifested for the King's service since he came to this country, and the readiness with which he has always executed the orders given to him by the governors our predecessors, whether during the wars in which he has distinguished himself on several occasions, or in divers negotiations and treaties of peace which he has made by their order, obliging us to seek the means of acknowledging the services which he has rendered and of inducing him to continue hereafter to display the same zeal which he has always shown for His Majesty's service, and of which he has given us proofs during the journey which we have made to Lake Ontario, where we have made use of his instrumentality in proposing to the Iroquois nations, which we had caused to be assembled, what we thought necessary to maintain peace and trade (between them) and His Majesty's subjects, and prevent their taking steps with the neighboring nations which might hereafter interrupt both; on the request which he has made of us that we would confirm the grant made to him of a concession of two leagues of land in front, to commence at ten arpents below the River du Loup, ascending towards

Lake St. Louis, on the south side thereof, by three leagues in depth, together with the Isle St. Bernard, situate at the mouth of the said river, which Monsieur de Courcelle, heretofore governor of this country, had promised him in consideration of the great number of children with which he is burthened, and of the services which the said Sieur Lemoine had rendered him during the journey which he made to the country of the Iroquois ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and judging that we could not better carry his intentions into effect than by aiding and favoring the designs of such persons as are desirous of making settlements, and thereby extending the cleared lands, have, under his pleasure, given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Lemoine, Esquire, Sieur de Longueuil, two leagues of land in front, to commence at ten arpents below the River du Loup, ascending towards Lake St. Louis, on the south side thereof, by three leagues in depth, together with the Island of St. Bernard, which is at the mouth of the said river ; to have and to hold the said tract of land in fief, seigniorly and jurisdiction, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Lemoine, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold, under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers ; on condition also that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant or have granted them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur Lemoine shall preserve the oak timber fit for the building of vessels, which may be found on the land which he shall have set aside for his principal manor house, and that he shall stipulate the preservation of such oak timber within the extent of the private concessions made to his tenants ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the Royal West India Company of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found therein ; and that he shall leave the necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

With a flourish.

N^o 328.

TO JEAN BOURDON.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to com^{ing}, greeting.

Our greatest desire being to establish a good and strong colony in New France, we have made use of those who could help us in that praiseworthy enterprise, and in order to excite them the more to do so, have always purposed to distribute among them some portions of the lands granted by the King to our said Company ;

Wherefore, being well assured of the good intentions of the Sieur Jean Bourdon, engineer, who has resided for some years past in New France, and that he professes the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Religion, and being desirous of acknowledging the services which he has rendered to our said Company, and of giving him the means of rendering such hereafter, we have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty do by these presents give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Jean Bourdon the extent and quantity of lands following, that is to say : one half league of land to be taken on the River St. Lawrence, by two leagues in depth, to be taken in the ungranted lands, as it shall be designated by Monsieur de Montmagny, governor of Quebec and the whole extent of the river St. Lawrence ; to have and to hold, unto the said Sieur Bourdon, his heirs and assigns, in future, the said extent of land in full property and fief, holding of the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or of any other place which may hereafter be designated by our said Company ; and subject to fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Bourdon, himself and his successors or assigns, shall be held to perform at the said designated place by one liege homage at each mutation of possessors, and to pay the duties and profits of fief in the cases in which they become due in France according to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and without the said Sieur Bourdon having the power to cede or transfer the whole or any portion of the above granted lands, except for the benefit of Frenchmen already residing in New France aforesaid, or of those who in such case would oblige themselves to go there in order to clear and cultivate the said lands ; and without the said Sieur Bourdon, any of his family, or others whom he may send to New France, having the power to trade for skins and furs within the extent of the said conceded lands nor anywhere else in New France aforesaid, otherwise than under the conditions of the edict rendered for the establishment of our said Company ; and the said Sieur Bourdon and his successors, as well as others to whom grants have been made, shall be held to hand in, every year, to the secretary of the Company a list of the men whom they shall send over to New France, so that the Company may know by how many the colony shall have been augmented.

Hereby commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, our co-partner, governor of Quebec and the whole extent of the river St. Lawrence, his lieutenant, or any other who may have authority from him, that he cause and allow the said Sieur Jean Bourdon to enjoy the present concession, by assigning him the said lands and pointing out the boundaries and limits thereof, as it may appertain, in such manner, notwithstanding, that a space of twenty toises be left from the brink of the river St. Lawrence

into the said granted lands, to make a royal highway for the public convenience, either as a passage or for the navigation of the said river ; whereof he shall send his report (*procès-verbal*) to France, in order that on the same a more express concession, by describing the boundaries, may be made if necessary.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the Company of New France, held in Paris, at the hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, Conseiller to the King in his state and privy councils, on the first day of the month of December one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, and made out by order of the directors of the said Company at their meeting of the twentieth day of ~~one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight~~, who have signed the original of these presents.

In testimony whereof the engrossed copy of the same shall be delivered signed by the secretary of the said company, and sealed with its seal.

By the Company of New France,

LAMY.

And further down is written :

Compared by me, the undersigned secretary of the council established by the King at Quebec, and notary in New France, with the original presented to me and returned immediately, on the sixteenth day of August one thousand six hundred and sixty-three.

Signed,

AUDOUART,

Notary.

N^o 329.

JEAN BOURDON.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish in New France a strong colony of natives of France, in order that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God and reduced to a civilized life under the King's dominion, we have willingly received all those who came forward to help us in that praiseworthy undertaking, and especially when we found that they were disposed to undertake the cultivation of some portions of the lands granted to our said Company by the late King of glorious memory ; wherefore, being fully assured of the good qualities of Jean Bourdon, engineer, an inhabitant of New France, and of the great experience and local knowledge which he has acquired in the said country since he has established his residence there, as also of his zeal for the Catholic and Apostolic Religion, and his fidelity and affection for the King's service ; for these and other reasons hereunto moving us,

We have given, granted and received, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, our sovereign lord, by these presents give, grant and concede unto him

the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say : one half league of land to be taken on the north shore of the great River St. Lawrence, between the Cape of l'Assomption and Three Rivers, at the place where the said Sieur Bourdon is the sole inhabitant, according to a similar concession of one half league of land formerly granted to him by the Company in the year one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, and close to the same, also by a similar depth inland, so that both concessions together shall make one league in front along the great River St. Lawrence by a depth of two leagues ; to have and to hold the said concession unto the said Sieur Bourdon in full property, seigniority and jurisdiction, and enjoy the same on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he, his heirs or assigns shall be bound to do at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec in New France, or at any other place which may hereafter be appointed by the said Company, which said fealty and homage they shall be held and obliged to render at every mutation of possessors, and pay all duties and dues which may become due for a fief of this nature, the whole agreeably to and in conformity with the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the Company intends should be followed and observed ; and that appeals from the Judge who may be established at the above conceded place shall lie immediately before the parliament and supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the Company at Quebec or elsewhere in New France ; moreover that neither the said Sieur Bourdon, nor his successors or assigns, nor any other persons going to the said country to inhabit and cultivate the above lands shall have the power to trade for skins and furs with the Indians, unless they be acknowledged as inhabitants of the country and in that capacity share in the concession of the right of trading which has been granted by the said Company to the community of the inhabitants according to the agreements made between the said Company and the community of the said inhabitants ; and although the said lands are conceded in full property, nevertheless neither the said Sieur Bourdon, nor his successors and assigns or other inhabitants of the same, shall have the power to obstruct the course of the River St. Lawrence or any other rivers which may be found within the lands above conceded in full property, nor to levy any duties on the boats or vessels going up or down the same, or attempt to stop them for any cause or pretext whatsoever ; moreover they shall be held to leave a royal highway, on the said River St. Lawrence, of twenty toises in width to be taken from the brink of the said River St. Lawrence at the season when it is highest, going towards the lands nearest to the same.

Hereby commanding Mr. de Montmagny, governor and lieutenant general for the King and our Company at Quebec, that he put the said Sieur Bourdon in possession of the lands and places hereinabove conceded, and point out to him the limits and boundaries of the same, and that of the *procès-verbal* which shall be made thereof he certify the Company by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the copartners of the said Company of New France held at their office this sixth day of April one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In testimony whereof these presents have been delivered, and the seal of our Company affixed thereto.

By the Company of New France,

Signed

LAMY.

And sealed, and at the foot is written : Compared with the original on parchment, a copy of which is transcribed by me the undersigned Royal Notary in New France, and deposited in the office, to serve to whom it may appertain, when necessary, the second day of April one thousand six hundred and forty-eight.

Signed,

DECOUDRE.

N^o 330.

TO FRANÇOIS DE SALLIGNAC, ABBÉ DE FENELON.

LOUIS DE BUADE DE FRONTENAC, Knight, Count de Palluau, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

The great ardour which the Sieur Abbé de Fenelon has manifested since several years for the propagation of Christianity in this country, and the affection which he has shown for His Majesty's service, obliging us to seek every means of acknowledging it and of inducing him to continue the zeal which has made him abandon all the considerable establishments which his birth and his merit might have made him expect in France, in order to devote himself entirely to the conversion and education of the Indians, on the prayer which he has made that we would be pleased to grant him some islands which are situate in lake St. Louis, along the Island of Montreal, in order to facilitate the establishment which has been commenced thereon for the purpose of educating young Indians according to the French manners and customs ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, and believing that we could not better carry his intentions into effect than by aiding and favoring the designs of such persons as are laboring to form the Indians to the French way of living, have, under his pleasure, given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant to the said Sieur Abbé de Fénélon three islands which are situate in Lake St. Louis along the Island of Montreal, between Lachine and Cape St. Giles, called the Courcelle Islands ; to enjoy and dispose of the same as he may think proper, with all the rights of fief and seignior, and have the same cultivated and inhabited as far as their extent will permit, on condition that he shall pay fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of Quebec, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that he shall cause these presents to be confirmed by His Majesty within eighteen months.

In testimony whereof we have caused our seal at arms to be affixed hereto.

Given at Quebec the ninth day of January one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

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With a flourish.

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N^o 331.

MESSIEURS OF THE SEMINARY OF ST. SULPICIUS AT PARIS.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada, Acadia and other countries in North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Superior and Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpicius of Paris, Seigniors of the Island of Montreal in New France, praying that we would be pleased to grant them, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, all the ungranted islands and islets lying and being between the said Island of Montreal and Isle Jesus, and which are nearer to the said Island of Montreal than to the said Isle Jesus, and also the other unconceded islands and islets adjacent to and around the said Island of Montreal ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us jointly with Monsieur le Comte de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his Councils, governor and lieutenant-general for His Majesty in this country, and in consideration of the great services which the said Sieurs of the Seminary render in this country, and of their constant application to the establishing of our holy religion among the Indians, as well in the mission which they have established on the said Island of Montreal, to those whom they receive there, as in other distant places where they have continued for a long time to carry to the said Indians the light of our holy faith, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Superior and Ecclesiastics of the said Seminary of St. Sulpicius all the ungranted islands and islets lying and being between the said Island of Montreal and Isle Jesus, as also the other ungranted islets adjacent to and around the said Island of Montreal ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieurs, under the title of fief, seignior and jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said places, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as those under which they now enjoy the said Island of Montreal, and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and on condition that the said Sieurs shall preserve and cause to be preserved within the extent of the said places, the oak timber fit for ship building ; and that they shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found therein ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, this twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

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N^o 332.

TO PIERRE LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our desire having always been to establish in New France a strong colony of natives of France, in order that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God and brought to lead a civilised life under the King's dominion, we have willingly received those who came forward to aid us in that praiseworthy undertaking and especially when we found that they were disposed to undertake the cultivation of some portions of the lands granted to our Company by the late King of glorious memory ; now therefore, being fully assured of the good qualities of Pierre Le Gardeur, Sieur de Repentigny, and of the experience and knowledge which he has acquired in the said country of New France since he established his residence there, as well as of his zeal for the Roman catholic and apostolic religion, and of his fidelity and affection for the King's service ; for these and other causes hereunto moving us,

We have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our sovereign master, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto him the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say : the extent and quantity of land situate in New France, on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, opposite Three Rivers, to be taken between the Petite Rivière on one side and the Rivière Puante now called River St. Michel on the other side, adjoining on the side of the Petite Rivière the lands heretofore granted to the Sieur Godefroy, and on the side of the River St. Michel the lands conceded to the Sieur Leneuf ; the said width fronting on the River St. Lawrence by a similar depth in the interior of the lands, including in the said depth the lake which is found within the same, called Lake St. Paul ; to have and to hold the said concession unto the said Sieur de Repentigny, his successors or assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, and enjoy the same on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his successors or assigns shall be held to do at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec in New France or at any other place which may hereafter be designated by the said company, which fealty and homage they shall be obliged to render at each mutation of possessors, and to pay all the rents and dues which are incident to fiefs of this nature, the whole agreeably to and in conformity with the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the company intends should be followed and observed throughout all New France, and on condition also that the appeals from the judges who may be appointed at the place aforesaid shall lie immediately before the parliament and supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the Company at Quebec or elsewhere in New France ; and moreover that neither the said Sieur de Repentigny, his successors or assigns, nor any other persons who may go to the said country to inhabit and cultivate the aforesaid lands, shall have the power to trade for skins and furs with the Indians, unless they are acknowledged as inhabitants of the country and in that capacity share in the concession of the trade made by the said company to the community of the inhabitants according to the agreements made between the said company and the said inhabitants ; and although the said lands have been conceded in

full property, nevertheless neither the said *Sieur de Repentigny*, his successors or assigns, nor any other inhabitants of the same shall have the power to obstruct the course of the River St. Lawrence or of any other rivers which may be found within the limits of the above conceded lands, nor to levy any duties on the boats or vessels going up or down, or attempt to stop them for any reason or pretext whatever; moreover they shall be held to leave a royal highway on the said River St. Lawrence, of twenty *toises* in width, to be taken from the brink of the said river at the season when it is highest, going towards the lands near the same.

We hereby command *Monsieur de Montmagny*, governor and lieutenant general for the King and for our Company at Quebec, that he put the said *Sieur de Repentigny* in possession of the lands and places above granted, and assign him the boundaries and limits of the same, and that of the *procès-verbal* which shall be drawn up thereof he certify the Company by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the copartners of the said Company of New France held at Paris, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In testimony whereof these presents have been executed and the seal of our Company affixed thereto.

And at the foot is written,

By the Company of New France,

Signed, LAMY.

And alongside is a seal.

N^o 333.

TO PIERRE LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

It having been represented to us that, in the concession which was made in favor of *Pierre Le Gardeur*, Esquire, *Sieur de Repentigny*, of certain lands situate in New France, on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, opposite Three Rivers, to be taken between the *Petite-Rivière* on one side, and the River St. Michel on the other side, adjoining on the side of the said *Petite-Rivière* the lands heretofore granted to the *Sieur Godefroy*, and on the side of the said river St. Michel the lands granted to the *Sieur Leneuf*, the said breadth fronting on the river St. Lawrence by a similar depth in the interior of the lands, including Lake St. Paul in the said depth, the said concession bearing date the 16th day of April 1647, it has been omitted to include certain islets adjacent to the land and forming part of the same, being separated from it only when the waters overflow, although such was the intention of the said Company;

Now, therefore, being desirous that the said *Sieur de Repentigny* may fully enjoy the said lands granted to him by our concession of the above date, the Company has declared,

and by these presents does declare that it was its intention to have given and conceded to him the said islets, and as far as may be necessary, has given, granted and conceded them to the said Sieur de Repentigny, to be possessed by him fully and peaceably, under the same title and in the same manner as the lands mentioned in our said concession; and for that effect we do hereby command Monsieur de Montmagny that in proceeding to put him in possession of what is mentioned in our said concession of the 16th day of April 1647, he put him also in possession of the said islets.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the copartners of the Company of New France, at their office in Paris, the fifteenth day of May one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

At the foot is written :

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

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N^o 334.

JEAN BAPTISTE LE GARDEUR DE REPENTIGNY.

PIERRE DE VOYER, Knight, Viscount d'Argenson, Councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in New France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, registered where it has been necessary, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto Jean Baptiste Le Gardeur, Esquire, Sieur de Repentigny, all the islands and islets situate in the river commonly called *La Petite-Rivière*, commencing at its entrance into the river St. Lawrence, and ascending the said *Petite-Rivière* as far as Lake St. Paul; the said river in which are situate the said islands and islets being enclosed on the north-east side by the lands belonging to the said Sieur de Repentigny, and on the south-west side by the lands of the Sieur Godefroy: to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de Repentigny, his heirs and assigns, for ever, and do and dispose of the same as he may please, under the same conditions as those mentioned in the title granted by Messieurs of the Company for the lands adjoining the said islands and islets, dated the 16th day of April 1647, signed "By the Company of New France, Lamy," and the said Sieur de Repentigny shall cause these presents to be confirmed by Messieurs of the Company.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries, at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this twentieth day of January one thousand six hundred and sixty-one.

Signed,

P. DE VOYER D'ARGENSON.

And lower down is written,

By command of His Lordship,

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And alongside is a seal.

N^o 335.

THE SIEUR DE LOTBINIÈRE.

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, Seigneur of la Barre, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries in North France; and

DE MEULLES, Seigneur of la Source, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, High Bailiff of Orleans, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada and the other countries aforesaid.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur de Lotbinière, lieutenant general of the provostship of this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief, seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) three fourths of a league or thereabouts of ungranted lands, to be taken at one end along the River St. Lawrence at the great River Duchêne, joining the beginning of the concession of one half league belonging to Charles D'Amours, Sieur de Louvière, and at the other (ascending towards the little River Duchêne) joining the lands of the Sieur de St. Ours, by two leagues in depth in the interior of the said lands, together with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said place, and in the great River Duchêne aforesaid, until it be intersected by the line of the concession of the said Sieur de Louvière, which shall run south-east and north-west; the said fief and seignior to form but one with that which he has obtained from Mr. Talon, heretofore intendant in this said country, joining the lands which the Religious Ursuline Ladies of this city possess at the Platon Ste. Croix;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Lotbinière the said three fourths of a league or thereabouts in front of unconceded lands, along the River St. Lawrence, to be taken, as above mentioned, on one side at the great River Duchêne, joining the commencement of the said half league of land belonging to the said Sieur de Louvière, and on the other (ascending the little River Duchêne) the lands belonging to the Sieur de St. Ours, by two leagues in depth; to have and to hold the same and all that may be found therein, unto the said Sieur de Lotbinière, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief, seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and to do and dispose thereof as of a thing to him belonging; together with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said lands, and opposite the same in the River St. Lawrence, and also in the great River Duchêne aforesaid, which shall be in common between him and the said Sieur de Louvière until it be intersected by the line of the lands belonging to the said Sieur de Louvière, which shall run according to the compass lines ordered by the regulations of the supreme council of this country for the concessions which have been or may be granted therein; which said fief and seignior we have joined, united and incorporated, and do join, unite and incorporate with that which the said Sieur de Lotbinière possesses between the concession of the said Religious Ursuline Ladies and that of the said Sieur de Louvière, to form together but one

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In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by the secretary of us the said intendant.

Given at Quebec the first day day of April one thousand six hundred and eighty-five.

Signed, LE FEBVRE DE LA BARRE, and
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And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, PEUVRET.

And alongside is a seal.

N^o 336.

TO PIERRE CHEVERIER, SIEUR DE FAUCAMPS, AND JEROME LE ROYER, SIEUR DE LA DAUVERSIÈRE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Our greatest desire being to establish a strong colony in New France, in order to instruct the Indian tribes of that country in the knowledge of God, and to bring them to lead a civilized life, we have very willingly received all those who have come forward to aid us in that praiseworthy undertaking, not refusing to grant them certain portions of the lands granted to us by the King our Sovereign Lord;

Wherefore, being well informed of the good intentions of Pierre Cheverier, Esquire, Sieur de Faucamps, and Jerome Le Royer, Sieur de la Dauversière, and of their zeal for the

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Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Religion, and their affection for the King's service, we have, unto the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, do by these presents give, grant and concede the lands hereafter mentioned, that is to say:

A great portion of the Island of Montreal, lying and being in the River St. Lawrence, between Lake St. Peter and Lake St. Louis, the said portion of the said island to be taken from the point facing the north-east, running in its whole width towards the south-west as far as the Mountain of Montreal which has given its name to the said island, and moreover beyond the said mountain four French leagues or thereabouts, and as far as the mouth of the little river which is in the said island at the said distance of four leagues or thereabouts, running into the channel which divides the said island from another called *Isle de Jésus*; the remainder of the said island, to be taken from the mouth of the said little river as far as the head of the same, which is towards the south west, being reserved to the said Company, from the mouth of which little river a straight line shall be drawn to the other side of the said island which is on the said lake St. Louis, as it has been drawn on the map and plan of the said island sent from New France by Monsieur de Montmagny, governor of the said country, which plan has been signed with their initials by the directors of the said Company and by the said Sieur Le Royer in this place, to serve as evidence of the boundaries of the present concession and remain attached to the original of these presents in the hands of the Company, so that reference may be had thereto, if necessary;

And moreover, an extent of land of two leagues in breadth along the river St. Lawrence, by six leagues in depth in the interior of the lands, to be taken on the north shore thereof, on the same part of the said shore where the River L'Assomption discharges itself into the said river St. Lawrence, to commence running from a boundary which shall be set up on the same shore at a distance of two leagues from the mouth of the said River L'Assomption; all that is from the River des Prairies to the River L'Assomption, and from the said River L'Assomption to the above mentioned boundary, being reserved to the said Company which intends hereafter to erect forts and habitations thereon:

To have unto the said Sieurs de Cheverier and Le Royer, their successors and assigns, the said lands hereinabove granted, in full property, jurisdiction and seigniory, for ever, as it has pleased His Majesty to concede the country to the Company, with the right of fishing and that of navigation in the great river St. Lawrence and other (rivers and) lakes in New France, save and except in those the property of which may have been granted to private individuals, and to hold the same on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, their successors and assigns shall be held to do at the Fort of St. Louis at Quebec in New France, or at any other place which may hereafter be appointed by the said Company, which said fealty and homage they shall be held to render at each mutation of possessors, and pay a piece of gold weighing one ounce, on which shall be engraved the figure of New France, as it is engraved on the seal which the Company uses in its documents, besides such duties and dues as are incident to fiefs of this nature, and moreover give their *aveux et dénombrements*; the whole agreeably to and in conformity with the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the Company intends shall be followed and observed throughout the whole of New France, and on con-

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And moreover, neither the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, their successors or assigns, nor any other persons who may go over to that country for them in order to cultivate and inhabit the said lands, shall have the right of trading for skins and furs with the Indians nor with any others in any manner whatsoever, unless it be for their personal use only, after which use they shall be held to hand them over to the clerks of the said Company, on their paying them the price fixed by the edict of the said Company, the whole on pain of confiscation and of a fine against the offenders, which shall be adjudged by the governor of Quebec.

And although the said Company has disposed by the above concession of the said portion of the island of Montreal and of the lands on the river St. Lawrence in full property, still it is not its intention that the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, their successors or assigns, or any others who may go to New France to settle on the lands granted, shall have the right of erecting any fortresses or citadels thereon, but they may retrench themselves and build walls to protect themselves as far as required against the incursions of the Indians, the Company reserving to itself the right of causing forts and citadels to be erected, when it shall be judged necessary to be done hereafter, to lodge its captains and officers, in which case and on the first demand and summons which shall be made thereof to the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, or their successors and assigns, they shall be held to permit the said Company to cause the said forts or citadels to be erected and built at such places and parts of the said island and of the said lands on the river St. Lawrence, as it may think proper, whether on the shores of the said island or places adjoining the rivers, or in the interior of the same, even on the said Mountain of Montreal if the Company think proper, and for that purpose they shall be bound to deliver up to the officers of the said company the quantity of land necessary for the said forts and for the subsistence of those who shall be established therein to guard them; and should it be deemed fit by the company to build any forts on the said Mountain of Montreal, there shall be furnished to it a sufficient space on the said Mountain, and as much as five arpents of land around the same for the subsistence and maintenance of those who shall be employed to guard the said forts, in such manner nevertheless that any forts which may be built by the company at any other place than on the said mountain, shall not be placed nearer than one French league to the principal settlement which shall be made on the said granted lands; and moreover, should it be found advisable to build the said forts on lands which shall have been cleared, in that case the proprietors thereof shall be indemnified by the company.

And furthermore, neither the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, nor their successors and assigns shall have the right to cede or transfer the whole or any portion of the lands hereinabove granted for the use of those who may be already settled in the country, either at Quebec, Three Rivers or any other place in New France, but of those only who may be willing to go there for the express purpose of settling thereon, so that the colony may be so much the more extended.

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the colony may be so

The said Company intends that the present concession should not cause any prejudice to the freedom of the navigation, which shall be common to all the inhabitants of New France, and throughout all the places hereinabove conceded, and for this purpose, that there be left a royal highway of twenty toises in width all around the said island, from the river to the granted lands, and a similar distance on the river St. Lawrence from the brink of the same also to the granted lands, the whole for the use of the said navigation and of the passage by land.

And in order to commence the settlement of the said granted lands, the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer shall be held to send to New France a number of men by the first shipment which the said company shall make, with the provisions necessary for their food, and shall continue from year to year, so that the said lands may not remain uncultivated and that the colony may be so much extended; and to the end that the company may be made certain of the diligence which they shall use, and be so far discharged of the number of men which it is obliged to send to the colony, the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer or any other persons who shall bring men to be shipped, in such number however as the company may be disposed to receive, shall be held to forward a list of them to the secretary of the said company, the whole agreeably to the regulations of the said company.

And should the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer wish the said conceded lands to bear any more honorable name or title, the said company shall grant them letters to be laid by them before Mylord the cardinal duke of Richelieu, peer of France, grand master, chief and superintendent general of the navigation and commerce of the kingdom, and on his presentation to obtain the confirmation thereof from His Majesty agreeably to the edict for the establishment of the company, without prejudice however to the rights and duties reserved by the present concession, and without the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer, their successors or assigns, being enabled to avail themselves of what was granted at the general meeting of the 16th January 1636, to the Sieur de la Chaussée, nor of the concessions and transfers which have since been made of the same pretended rights of the said Sieur de la Chaussée, the whole remaining null and revoked in default of being executed within the time prescribed by the regulations of the company.

Hereby commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, governor for the said company, under the authority of the King and of Mylord the cardinal duke, at Quebec and throughout the extent of the river St. Lawrence, that he cause and allow the said Sieurs Cheverier and Le Royer to enjoy the present concession, assigning them the limits and boundaries of the above granted lands, or causing them to be assigned by his lieutenant or any other officer of the company by him appointed for that purpose, the *procès verbaux* of which he shall forward to be delivered into the hands of the secretary of the said company.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the co-partners of the Company of New France held in the hotel of Monsieur Bordier, councillor and secretary of His Majesty's councils, late director of the company, at Paris, on Monday the seventeenth day of the month of December one thousand six hundred and forty.

In testimony whereof the directors of the said company have signed the original of these presents together with the said Le Royer, accepting hereof, and caused a copy of the same to be delivered and sealed with the seal of the said company.

Signed,

By the Company of New France,

LAMY.

With a flourish.

And sealed in red wax with the seal of the Company.

Compared by us Henry Daguesseau, councillor to the King in his councils, master of requests in ordinary of his hotel, commissioner in this behalf, the said copy with its original written on parchment, according to the order of the council of the twenty-fourth day of the present month of March, being requested so to do by Monsieur Jean Baptiste de Salentin, attorney and counsel of Messire Alexandre Le Ragois de Bretonvilliers, superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Paris, and by virtue of the default this day made by Monsieur Jean Bourdon, King's attorney in the supreme council of New France at Quebec, being present in this city of Paris, and summoned to see the same compared, in virtue of our ordinance of the twenty-eighth day of the present month, by Tourte, bailiff of the council, on the same day, to serve to the said Sieur de Bretonvilliers in lieu of the original, as it is set forth in the said order.

Done in our hotel, the thirtieth day of March one thousand six hundred and sixty-five.

Signed,

DAGUESSEAU,

P. NORMANDIN,

For Messieurs of the Seminary of *Ville-Marie*.

BEGON.

N^o 337.

MONSIEUR DE FAUCAMPS, IN THE NAME OF THE MONTREAL COMPANY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

Desiring to oblige, as far as in our power, those who may contribute to the clearing of the lands of New France, and knowing the zeal, piety and good intentions of the Montreal Company, and the heavy expences incurred by it for the augmentation of the settlement in the Island of Montreal; on the application made to us by Monsieur de Faucamps, in the name of the said Company, praying that we would give, concede and grant to it the remainder of the said island, which our Company had reserved to itself, and that we would concede to the said Sieur de Faucamps five hundred arpents of land on the Mountain, being part of the said reserve;

Now therefore, in virtue of the power given to us by His Majesty, and desiring to contribute as much as possible to the good designs of the said Company, we have given, conceded and granted, and by these presents do give, concede and grant to it the remainder of the said island, with the exception of five hundred arpents on the Mountain, which we have given, conceded and granted, and by these presents do give, concede and grant to the said Sieur de Faucamps, on condition of paying homage to our Company, which has made him this concession in fief, subject to the seigniorial duties according to the Custom of Paris at each mutation; and as to the Montreal Company, subject to the same duties, charges and conditions as the first concession made to the said Montreal Company is charged with, and also that of furnishing a convenient place of five or six arpents on which to build a store, wherever our said Company may think proper.

Done at the New France office, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand six hundred and fifty-nine.

Extract from the proceedings of the Company of New France.

Signed, A. CHEFFAULT (with a flourish),
Secretary.

P. NORMANDIN.

BIGOT.

N^o 333.

THE SIEUR DE MONTMAGNY.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish in New France a strong colony of natives of France, so that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God and reduced to a civilized life under the dominion of the King, we have willingly received those who came forward to aid us in this praiseworthy undertaking and more especially when we found that they were willing to undertake the cultivation of some portion of the lands granted to our Company by the late King of glorious memory; for these and other reasons moving us hereto, and being fully assured of the good qualities of the Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, and of his zeal for the advancement of the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Religion and for the service of His Majesty in the said country, we have given, granted and conceded, and, in virtue of the power conferred on our Company by our sovereign lord the King, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto him the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say: the river called River du Sud, at the place where it discharges itself into the River St. Lawrence, with one league of land along the said River St. Lawrence, ascending

from the said River du Sud towards Quebec, and one half league of land along the said River St. Lawrence descending towards the gulf, the whole by a depth of four leagues towards the interior of the lands, following the said River du Sud on both sides thereof, the said river included throughout the said extent; and moreover we have also given, granted and conceded and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de Montmagny the two islands lying and being in the River St. Lawrence near the said place, descending the said River St. Lawrence, the one called Goose Island and the other Crane Island, and the beaches which are between the said two islands, the whole containing four leagues or thereabouts in length on the said River St. Lawrence; to have and enjoy the aforesaid concessions, unto the said Sieur de Montmagny, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, and hold them on condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which he, his successors or assigns shall be bound to perform at the Port of St. Louis at Quebec in New France, or at any other place which may hereafter be appointed by the said Company; which said fealty and homage they shall be bound to render at each mutation of possessor, and to pay all duties and dues incident to fiefs of this nature, and moreover to furnish their *aveux et dénombremens*, the whole according to and in conformity with the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which the Company intends shall be followed and observed throughout the whole of New France, and on condition that the appeals from the Judges who may be established at the said place shall lie immediately before the parliament or supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the said Company at Quebec or elsewhere in New France; and moreover, neither the said Sieur de Montmagny, nor his successors or assigns, nor any other persons who may go to the said country to inhabit and cultivate the lands hereinabove conceded, shall have the right of trading for skins and furs with the Indians, unless they have been acknowledged as inhabitants of the said country and in that capacity form part of the community of the inhabitants; and although the said lands are conceded in full property, nevertheless the Company intends that the present concession shall not prejudice the free navigation of the said River St. Lawrence, which shall be common to all the inhabitants or others going to or fro, and that for this purpose a royal highway of twenty toises in width shall be left along the River St. Lawrence from the same towards the main land, the right of seignior on the said River St. Lawrence being reserved to the said Company.

Done, granted and conceded at the general meeting of the co-partners of the Company of New France held in the office of Monsieur Bordier, councillor and secretary of His Majesty's councils, formerly director of the said Company.

In testimony whereof we have caused these presents to be drawn up and the same to be sealed with the seal of our Company, at Paris, the fifth day of May one thousand six hundred and forty-six.

(Thus signed),

By the Company of New France,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And below is affixed the seal of the said Company in red wax, and along side is written :

The said Sieur Chevalier de Montmagny has made and taken the oath of fidelity as he was bound to do by his letters of concession of the lands and islands granted to him by the Company in fief, which are more fully contained in the present letters, and of which he remains the bearer in virtue of the deed passed at the office of the said Company this second day of May one thousand six hundred and fifty-one, in presence of me

A. CHEFFAULT,

Secretary of the said Company.

And further down is also written : Compared by me the undersigned secretary of the council established by the King at Quebec, and Notary in New France, with the original written on parchment, remaining in my possession in order that reference may be had thereto when necessary or required by the parties, this eighth day of September one thousand six hundred and sixty.

Signed,

AUDOUART,

Notary,

With a flourish.

LESPINAY.

BEGON.

N^o 339.

THE SIEUR DAILLEBOUST DE MUCEAUX.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada and other countries of North France.

We do hereby promise to the Sieur Dailleboust, Esquire, Sieur de Muceaux, if it should please the King that the lands above the Island of Montreal be inhabited, to grant him, jointly with Monsieur the Governor, the lands which may be found on the north shore, including the North River, from the foot of the Long Sault as far as the distance of two leagues descending towards Montreal, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found opposite the said extent, by four leagues in depth, with the right of jurisdiction (*en droit de justice*).

Done at Montreal, the seventh day of June, one thousand six hundred and eighty.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

CHEVALLIER.

LAMY,

With a flourish.

WE, THE COUNT DE FRONTENAC, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada and other countries of New France.

The Sieur Dailleboust, Esquire, Sieur de Muceaux, having shown us a paper written by Monsieur the Intendant, by which he promises to grant him, jointly with us, the lands which may be found on the north shore, including the North River, from the foot of the Long Sault to a distance of two leagues descending in the direction of Montreal, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found opposite the said extent, by four leagues in depth, with the right of jurisdiction (*en droit de justice*) as mentioned in the said paper, dated at Montreal the seventh day of June, one thousand six hundred and eighty, signed "Duchesneau" and countersigned "Chevallier;"

We, under the good pleasure of His Majesty, have promised to the said Sieur Dailleboust to grant him, jointly with Monsieur the Intendant, the said two leagues of land on the north shore, including the North River, to commence from the foot of the Long Sault, descending towards Montreal, by four leagues in depth, together with the islands, islets and beaches which may be found opposite the extent of the said two leagues in front, whereof the island called Carion forms part; the whole under the title of fief, seigniory and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), in case it should please His Majesty that the lands above the Island of Montreal be inhabited.

Done at Quebec, the fifteenth day of June, one thousand six hundred and eighty-two.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

LECHASSEUR.

N^o 340.

First Concession at Quebec, in which is included the enclosure of the Scminary.

TO THE SIEUR LOUIS HÉBERT.

HENRY DE LÉVY, Duke of Ventadour, Peer of France, Lieutenant General for His Most Christian Majesty in the Government of the Province of Languedoc, and Vice-Roy of New France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that Louis Hébert, one of the subjects and inhabitants of the aforesaid country of New France, has caused to be stated and represented to us that for several years past he has suffered long and painful labors, perils and expences, incessantly

supported, in the discovery of the lands of Canada, and that he is the head of the first family which has settled and dwelt there since the year one thousand six hundred until now, which he directs with all the means and property which he had in Paris, having left his relations and friends to go and form this commencement of a colony and Christian people in those lands and countries which are deprived of the knowledge of God, not being enlightened with his holy light ; to which end the said Hebert having settled near the great River Lawrence, at the place called Quebec, adjoining the settlement which is kept up by the society authorized by His Majesty and confirmed by us, he has by his labor and industry, assisted by his domestic servants, cleared a certain portion of the said lands, surrounded by an enclosure, and has erected buildings thereon for himself, his family and cattle ; of which lands, buildings and enclosure he has obtained from Monsieur the duke of Montmorency, the vice-roy our predecessor, the gift and grant in perpetuity by letters patent issued on Saturday the fourth day of February, one thousand six hundred and twenty-three ;

We, for the above stated considerations, and in order to encourage those who may hereafter desire to people and inhabit the said country of Canada, have given, ratified and confirmed, and do give, ratify and confirm unto the aforesaid Louis Hebert and his successors and heirs, in virtue of the power given to us by His Majesty, all the aforesaid arable and cleared lands surrounded by the enclosure of the said Hebert, together with the house and buildings, as the whole extends and is situate at Quebec aforesaid, on the great River St. Lawrence ; to have and to hold the same in *fief noble*, unto him, his heirs and assigns for ever, as his own and lawfully acquired property, and dispose thereof fully and peaceably, as he may think proper ; the whole depending on the fort and castle of Quebec, subject to the charges and conditions which shall hereafter be imposed by us.

And for the same considerations we have moreover given unto the said Hebert and his successors, heirs and assigns, the extent of one French league of land lying and being near Quebec aforesaid, on the River St. Charles, which has been bounded and limited by the Sieurs de Champlain and de Caen, to possess, clear, cultivate and inhabit the same as he may deem fit, on the same conditions as the first donation ; hereby most expressly prohibiting all persons of whatever quality or condition to trouble, disturb or hinder him in the possession and enjoyment of the said lands, buildings and enclosure, and commanding the Sieur de Champlain, our lieutenant general in New France, to maintain the said Hebert in his said possession and enjoyment, against all and any persons whomsoever, for such is our will.

Given at Paris, the last day of February, one thousand six hundred and twenty-six.

Signed,

DE VANTADOUR.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship the Vice-Roy,

GIRARDET.

Sealed with red wax.

N^o 341.

TO THE SIEUR LOUIS COUILLARD.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries in North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Couillard, praying that we would be pleased to grant, under the title of fief and seignior, unto Geneviève Couillard his daughter, one league of land in front along the River St. Lawrence, on the south side thereof, to commence running from the two leagues reserved for Noel Langlois, ascending the said River St. Lawrence towards the property of the Damoiselle widow Amiot, by two leagues in depth inland, and moreover to grant her an islet lying and being in the said River St. Lawrence, opposite the said league, containing four or five arpents or thereabouts, and the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the above places ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, jointly with Monsieur Duchesneau, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of justice, police and finances in the said country, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Geneviève Couillard, one league of land in front along the south side of the River St. Lawrence, to commence running from the two leagues of land promised and reserved for Noel Langlois, ascending the said River St. Lawrence towards the property of the Damoiselle Amiot, by two leagues in depth, together with an islet lying and being in the said River St. Lawrence, opposite the said league in front, containing four or five arpents or thereabouts ; to have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, for ever, in fief and seignior, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the extent of the said places, on condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Damoiselle Couillard, her said heirs and assigns, shall be held to do at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which she shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty ; on condition also that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by her tenants on the concessions which she may grant them, in default whereof she shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same ; and that she shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building within the extent of the said places ; that she shall give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found therein ; and that she shall leave and cause to be maintained all necessary roads and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom she shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries, and sealed with our seal at arms.

Given at Quebec the seventeenth day of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

Signed, LECHASSEUR.

With a flourish.

N^o 342.

TO FRANÇOIS DE CHAVIGNY, SIEUR DE BERCHEREAU, AND DAMOISELLE ÉLÉONORE DE GRAND-MAISON, HIS WIFE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire being to establish a strong colony in New France in order to instruct the Indian tribes in the knowledge of the true God and bring them to lead a civilised life, we have willingly received those who came forward to aid us in this praiseworthy undertaking, not refusing to grant them some portion of the lands conceded to us by the King our sovereign lord ;

Therefore, being well informed of the good intentions of François de Chavigny, Esquire, Sieur de Berchereau, and Damoiselle Eléonore de Grand-Maison, his wife, of the parish of Creancée in Champagne, and of their zeal for the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Religion, and of their affection for the King's service,

We have, to the said Sieur de Chavigny, given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power conferred on us by His Majesty's edict for the establishment of our Company, do by these presents give, grant and concede the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say : two arpents of land to be taken in the place designated for the city and banlieue of Quebec, if there remain still any unconceded lands therein or adjoining the same, to build thereon a dwelling with a garden where he may reside with his family ; moreover, thirty arpents of land to be taken outside the said banlieue of the said city of Quebec and close to the same, in the lands not yet conceded ;—

And have moreover to the said Sieur de Chavigny given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede, in virtue of the power conferred on our said Company, half a league of land in width, to be taken along the said River St. Lawrence above and below Quebec, to commence from Three Rivers only, down to the mouth of the said river, by three leagues in depth inland, either on the side where Quebec is, or on the other shore of the said river, as the said Sieur de Chavigny may desire ; to have and to

hold, unto him, his successors or assigns, the above conceded lands, in full property, and possess them, to wit : the said two arpents of land in the city and banlieue of Quebec, and the said thirty arpents near and outside the said banlieue, in *roture*, subject to the payment of one *denier* of *cens*, payable at the Fort of Quebec, every year, on the day which shall hereafter be appointed, the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine et amendes* ; and the said half league on the River St. Lawrence by three leagues in depth inland in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, also for ever, unto him, his heirs and assigns, subject nevertheless to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de Chavigny, his said heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Fort of Quebec, or at any other place which may hereafter be appointed in New France, by one liege homage at each mutation of possessor, and of paying the dues and profits of fief on such mutation of possessor, when and as the same accrue according to the Custom of the provostship and viscount, of Paris ; on condition also that the appeals from the Judge who may be established by the said Sieur de Chavigny, his successors or assigns, within the extent of the said fief, shall lie immediately before the parliament or supreme court which shall hereafter be established in the name of the Company at Quebec or elsewhere in New France, and until then such appeals shall lie before the governor of Quebec, who shall take sovereign cognizance of the same according to the commissions of the King and of Mylord the cardinal duke of Richelieu, peer of France, master and superintendent general of the navigation and commerce of France.

And moreover, neither the said Sieur de Chavigny, his successors and assigns, nor any persons who may go over from France to inhabit and cultivate the said conceded lands, nor any other persons residing thereon, shall have the right of trading for beaver skins or other furs with the Indians, except by way of truck or exchange for the produce of the above conceded lands, and in such case they shall be held to deliver the said beaver skins and other furs into the hands of the clerks of the said Company, on their paying them the price mentioned in the King's edict for the establishment of the said Company, the whole on pain of confiscation of the said beaver skins and other furs, and of a fine which shall be adjudged by the governor of Quebec.

Nor shall the said Sieur de Chavigny, his successors or assigns have the right of building any fort or fortress in the said place held in fief, or obstruct in any way whatsoever the navigation of the said River St. Lawrence opposite the said conceded lands ; but they shall be held to leave, for the purposes of the said navigation and of the passage on the said river, a highway of twenty toises in breadth from the border of the said river, when it is highest, to the nearest lands or habitations thereon.

And the said Sieur de Chavigny shall send at least four working men to commence the clearing, besides his wife and servant maid, and that by the first ships which will sail from Dieppe or La Rochelle, together with the goods and provisions for their support during three years, which shall be gratuitously brought and carried for him to Quebec in New France, on condition that he shall send the whole on board of the ships of the said Company at Dieppe or La Rochelle, the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

And in order that the Company may be assured of the work which shall be performed for the clearing of the said lands, the said Sieur de Chavigny, his successors or assigns shall be

held to deliver each year into the hands of the Secretary of the said Company a list of the men whom they shall send, and who are to be counted in the number of those whom the Company is obliged to send, according to the articles granted to it by the King, to form the colony.

Commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, governor for our said Company under the authority of the King and of Mylord the cardinal duke of Richelieu, at Quebec and throughout the extent of the River St. Lawrence, that he cause and allow the said Sieur de Chavigny to enjoy the present concession, that he assign him the above granted lands, by limits and boundaries which shall be set up on the place by the said Sieur de Montmagny, his lieutenant or any other person commissioned by him to that effect, whereof he shall send the *procès-verbaux* by the return of the first ships, to be delivered into the hands of the Secretary of the Company.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the co-partners of the Company of New France held at the hotel of Monsieur Bordier, councillor and secretary of His Majesty's councils, in Paris, on Tuesday the fourth day of December one thousand six hundred and forty.

In testimony whereof the directors of the said Company have signed the original of these presents together with the said Sieur de Chavigny, accepting hereof, and caused the same to be delivered and sealed with the seal of the said Company.

And further down is written :

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And sealed with a large seal of red wax.

N^o 343.

TO FRANÇOIS DE CHAVIGNY, SIEUR DE BERCHEREAU.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our greatest desire having always been to establish in New France a strong colony of natives of France, in order that by their example the Indian tribes of the said country might be instructed in the knowledge of God, and brought to lead a civilised life under the King's dominion, we have willingly received those who have come forward to aid us in this praiseworthy undertaking, and especially when we found that they were disposed to undertake the

cultivation of some portion of the lands granted to our said company by the late King of glorious memory ;

Therefore, being fully certified of the good qualities of François de Chavigny, Esquire, Sieur de Berchereau, and of his zeal for the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Religion, and his affection for the King's service ;

We have granted and conceded to him half a league of land along the River St. Lawrence in New France, by three leagues in depth inland, under the clauses and conditions set forth in the letters of concession which the company caused to be issued to him, dated the fourth day of December one thousand six hundred and forty ; and inasmuch as the said Sieur de Chavigny has given us to understand that he had disposed of the greater part of the lands mentioned in the said concession, under the title of *cens et rentes*, in favor of several private individuals, and that he required more lands to cause them similarly to be cleared, the whole for the good and advancement of the colony ; for these and other causes hereunto moving us,

We have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our sovereign lord do hereby give, grant and concede unto him the lands and places hereinafter described, that is to say :

Another half league of land in front along the River St. Lawrence by a similar depth of three leagues in the interior of the lands, so that the said Sieur de Chavigny shall have in all one league fronting on the said River, by three leagues inland ; to have and to hold, unto the said Sieur de Chavigny, his widow, heirs or assigns, the new concession hereby granted, under the same title, clauses, conditions and reserves as those set forth in the said former concession of the fourth day of December one thousand six hundred and forty, without any change or difference whatever, although the whole is not herein expressed more at length ; and the said Sieur Chavigny shall have the right of including the present concession under one and the same usual title as what is contained in the former one of the above date ; for thus it has been granted to him.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the copartners of the said Company of New France held at their office, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven.

In testimony whereof these presents have been delivered and sealed with the seal of our said Company.

And further down,

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

N^o 344.

TO THE DAMOISELLE ELEONORE DE GRAND MAISON, WIFE OF FRANÇOIS DE CHAVIGNY,
SIEUR DE BERCHEREAU.

JEAN DE LAUZON, ordinary Councillor to the King in his State and Privy Councils,
Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in New France, throughout the
extent of the River St. Lawrence.

The intention of the Company of New France having always been to do all that is possible for the peopling of New France, and to look after those who, under the pretence of having that object in view, might have obtained from the said company concessions on favorable conditions, so that, in case of neglect on their part, it might give them to others to be improved by them; on the report made to us that François de Chavigny, Sieur de Berchereau, having left New France, has abandoned all that he possessed there, and that leaving the affairs in that uncertainty might prevent other individuals from cultivating the said lands to the advantage of the country; and having heretofore caused our ordinance to be published by which we have ordered all individuals holding grants from the company not only to cause themselves to be immediately put in possession, but also to work at the clearing thereof, in default of which they should forfeit their concessions, which we would dispose of in favor of other persons who would improve them;

Now therefore, the said Sieur de Chavigny having as aforesaid, by retiring to France, abandoned all that he possessed in this country, we have by these presents disposed of the lands by him thus abandoned, and granted to him by concessions of the fourth December one thousand six hundred and forty, and the twenty-ninth March one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, in favor of the Damoiselle Eléonore de Grand Maison, to whom we have given and conceded and by these presents do give and concede them, to have and to hold the same unto her, her heirs and assigns, for ever, under the same charges, clauses and conditions as they had been heretofore granted to the said Sieur de Chavigny.

Commanding, &c.

Done at Quebec, this first day of March, one thousand six hundred and fifty-two.

Signed, LAUZON,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LESIEUR,

With a flourish.

N^o 345.

TO THE SIEUR LOUIS JOLIET.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada, Acadia, Newfoundland and other countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Louis Joliet, residing at Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), the Island of Anticosty, lying at the mouth of the River St. Lawrence, on which he is desirous of forming fishing establishments for green and dry cod-fish, seal and whale oil, and trading therein between this country and the West India Islands, (*Isles de l'Amérique*);

We, jointly with Monsieur le Comte de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his Councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries in North France, and in consideration of the discovery which the said Sieur Joliet has made of the country of the Illinois, whereof he has given us the plan on which was drawn the map which we sent two years ago to Monseigneur Colbert, Minister and Secretary of State, and of the voyage which he has just made to Hudson's Bay for the interest and advantage of the King's revenue in this country, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Joliet the said Island of Anticosty, lying at the mouth of the River St. Lawrence, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, under the title of fief, seignior, and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieur Joliet, his said heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty; and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Quebec, until one shall have been established nearer the said Island of Anticosty; also that she shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands; and that the said Joliet shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found throughout the extent of the said island; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found therein; and that she shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec in the month of March, one thousand six hundred and eighty.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

True copy.

And underneath is written :

Registered at the office of the supreme council at Quebec, by me the undersigned chief clerk of the same.

Signed,

PEUVRET.

N^o 346.

THE SIEURS JACQUES DE LALANDE AND LOUIS JOLLIET.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in Canada, Acadia, Newfoundland and other Countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieurs Jacques Lalonde and Louis Jolliet, residing at Quebec, praying that we would be pleased to grant them, under the title of fief, seigniorship and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) the islands and islets called Mingan, being on the north shore, following one another as far as the bay called *l'Anse-aux-Espagnols*, on which places they are desirous of forming establishments of cod and seal fishery ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us jointly with Monsieur le comte de Frontenac, councillor to the King in his councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in this country, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs Lalonde the son, and Jolliet, the said islands and islets of Mingan, being on the north shore and following one another as far as the bay called *l'Anse-aux-Espagnols* ; to have and to hold the same unto them, their heirs and assigns, under the title of fief and seigniorship with superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), which the said Sieurs Lalonde and Jolliet, their said heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Quebec until one may have been established nearer the said Mingan islands and islets ; also

on condition that they shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by their tenants on the concessions which they may grant them, and that in default of their so doing they shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieurs de Lalande and Jolliet shall preserve and cause to be preserved by their tenants the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found within the extent of the said islands and islets ; that they shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals if any be found therein, and that they shall leave and cause to be left all necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec the tenth day of March one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine.

Signed, DUCHESNEAU,

True copy.

Registered agreeably to the order of the Council dated the twenty-fourth day of October one thousand six hundred and eighty, made in consequence of the edict of the King's council of state given at Fontainebleau the twenty-ninth day of May of the said year, bearing confirmation of the aforesaid concession, by me the undersigned chief clerk of the said council.

Thus signed, PEUVRET.

N^o 347.

TO THE SIEUR JEAN LE CHASSEUR.

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty over all the lands of New France and Acadia ; and

DE MEULLES, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said countries.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that having by an ordinance of the twelfth day of March last, and for the causes therein stated, declared the Sieur de Mannereuil to have forfeited his title of concession of River du Loup, which had been granted to him by Mr. Talon, heretofore intendant in this country, on the third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, and reunited the said concession to His Majesty's domain, to be disposed of by us under his pleasure, as we might think fit ; and the Sieur Jean Lechasseur having come forward and most humbly prayed us to grant him the said concession which was formerly held by the said Sieur de Mannereuil, consisting of one half league of land in front above the said river, including the same, and another half league below, by two leagues in depth, at the end of which said depth he desires that we would be pleased to add two other leagues by the same width as the said concession, so that the said river may be in

the middle of the said width, inasmuch as a great portion of the said concession is inundated by the overflowing of the waters every spring, and to grant him the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*) and that of hunting and fishing within the extent of the said place, on which he offers immediately to cause several works and clearings to be made ;

We, after having caused our said ordinance of the said twelfth day of March, rendered in consequence of the decrees of the King's council of the third day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-two and the ninth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine, regarding the forfeiture of concessions, to be laid before us, and considering that he has served during the said period of time with honor and fidelity Monsieur le comte de Frontenac, heretofore governor and lieutenant general in this said country, in the capacity of secretary, and in order to enable him to settle therein, have, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Lechasseur, the above described lands ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief, seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, with the right of hunting and fishing within the limits of the said place, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Lechasseur, his said heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of Three Rivers ; also on condition that he shall keep house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and that in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the same ; that the said Sieur Le Chasseur shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found within the said extent ; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals if any be found therein ; that he shall leave and cause to be left therein all necessary roadways and passages ; on condition moreover that he shall cause the said lands to be cleared, inhabited, and furnished with buildings and cattle within two years from the date of these presents, otherwise the said concession shall be null and void ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed.

Hereby commanding the inhabitants who have settled on the said lands without title or permission, to acknowledge the said Sieur Le Chasseur as the seignior of the said lands and hereafter pay him the customary dues.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec the twentieth day of April one thousand six hundred and eighty.

Signed,

LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE,
DEMEULLE.

By command of their Lordships.

N° 348.

TO THE SIEUR JACQUES LENEUF, SIEUR DE LA POTERIE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

'To all present and to come, greeting.

Considering the favorable knowledge we have of the Sieur Jacques Leneuf, Sieur de la Poterie, and of his zeal for the increase of the colony in New France, he having already improved several lands which we have heretofore granted him; for these reasons, and in order to enable him to continue,

We have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our Sovereign Lord, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Jacques Leneuf ten arpents of land in New France, near Three Rivers, bounded on one side by the lands granted to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers, joining at one end the lands granted to the Sieur Godefroy, and at the other end the road leading to the common; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Leneuf, his successors and assigns, for ever, on condition that he shall leave one arpent of land between the river and the above conceded lands; and have also given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Jacques Leneuf, in virtue of the same power, the island situate at the entrance of the Three Rivers, commonly called *L'Isle aux Cochons*; to have and to hold the said lands unto him, his successors and assigns, for ever, subject to the payment of three *deniers* of *cens* for each arpent every year, payable to the person who shall be appointed by our company at Quebec, the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisine et amende*, as the case may occur according to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, provided that the said lands are not yet conceded.

Commanding hereby the Sieur Daillebout, governor and lieutenant general for the King in New France, that he put the said Sieur Leneuf in possession of the said lands hereinabove conceded, and assign to him the boundaries and limits of the same, and that of the *procès-verbal* which shall be made thereof he certify the company by the return of the first vessels.

Done and conceded at the meeting of the intendant and directors of the Company of New France, held at their office in Paris, the twenty-ninth day of March one thousand six hundred and forty-nine.

In testimony whereof we have caused a copy of these presents to be delivered, and the same to be sealed with the seal of our company.

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

N^o 349.

TO MONSIEUR DE LAUZON, SIEUR DE LA CITIÈRE.

JEAN DE LAUZON, ordinary councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in New France, the extent of the river St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that the Company of New France having, since its establishment, always sought such persons of condition as would, by favoring their designs, cooperate with them in peopling this great and vast province; on the assurance which we have that Louis de Lauzon, Esquire, seignior of La Citière and Gaudarville, is desirous, with time, of settling in New France, and causing lands therein to be cleared, improved and occupied by as many families as possible, in order to fortify the country against those who might be disposed to make any attempt upon it;

We, therefore, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the said company, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Citière the lands lying and being in New France within the following boundaries, that is to say: bounded on one side by the line dividing the concessions granted to the Indians by the Company of New France by its deliberation of the——, on the other side by a parallel and dividing line which shall take for boundary the river of Cap Rouge, including the same, in front by the road leading from Quebec to Cap Rouge, and which follows the rear of the concessions of Antoine Martin dit Montpellier, Nicolas Chaigneau, Pierre Garement, François Boulé, Charles Gaultier dit Boisverdun, Guillaume Boisset, Pierre Gallet, Jacques Archambault, Nicolas Ruelle and Etienne Dumets, the said road between the two parallel lines above described, the one commencing in rear of the concession of the said Dumets on the river of Cap Rouge, and the other in rear of that of the said Montpellier, being partly in the concession of the Indians, and partly in the *censive* of the company, extending four leagues in depth, and there bounded by the granted lands: to have and to hold the said places and all that is therein comprised, as well woods and meadows as rivers, rivolets, lakes, islands and generally all that is contained within the said boundaries, unto the said Sieur de la Citière, himself, his heirs and assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, under the same rights as the Company of New France possesses the same in virtue of the donation which has been made thereof by the edict of its establishment, reserving however the fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Citière, his successors and assigns, shall be held to perform at the *sénéchaussée* of Quebec by one liege homage at each mutation of possessors, with one year's revenue, and a piece of gold weighing one ounce at each mutation of kings, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the grand seneschal of New France, or his lieutenant at Quebec.

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France, or his lieutenants in the *sénéchaussée* of Quebec, to put the said Sieur de la Citière in possession of the said places, and cause the boundaries and limits thereof to be duly set up, and hereby giving him power so to do, in virtue of that given to us by the said company.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this eighth day of February one thousand six hundred and fifty-two.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LIMERO,
With a flourish.

Nº 350.

TO MONSIEUR LOUIS DE LAUZON, SIEUR DE LA CITIÈRE.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Councillor ordinary to the King in his State and Privy Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in New France, the extent of the River St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that whereas, in consequence of the continual irruptions of the Iroquois on the settlements at Cap Rouge, where they have committed several massacres and carried off a number of inhabitants, the few farms at that place remain abandoned, either by the death of those by whom they were cultivated, or because they have been effectively abandoned by the inhabitants, so that the place runs the risk of being entirely lost, on account of its not being within the reach of assistance, and its wanting the presence of some powerful person who, with the aid of his friends, might withstand the efforts of those barbarians, by causing some place of refuge (*réduit*) to be erected there ;

And judging that Louis de Lauzon, Esquire, seignior of la Citière and Gaudarville, might undertake the defence of that post if that small space of land were granted to him and the manor which is thereon were annexed to that of his land and seignior of Gaudarville, which was granted to him by concession of the eighth day February one thousand six hundred and fifty-two ;

Now, therefore, we, in virtue of the power conferred on us, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de la Citière the space of land which is included between his said concession of Gaudarville, the line which bounds the concession of the Indians, the River St. Lawrence and the River of Cap Rouge, including the said river ; which extent of lands, together with the manor established thereon, we have annexed, united and incorporated and do annex, unite and incorporate with his said seignior of Gaudarville ; to enjoy and use the same and possess the whole

for ever, himself, his heirs and assigns, under the same rights of fief, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), and seignior, which have been granted to him by the said concession of the eighth day of February, and generally subject to the same rights under which the Company of New France enjoys the said places in virtue of the edict of its establishment, on condition of the performance of fealty (*foi*) at the *sénéschaussée* of Quebec by one full homage, and of the payment of one year's revenue at each mutation, and that justice shall be administered by his judge of Gaudarville, the whole forming but one seignior, the appeals from which judge shall lie before the seneschal of New France or his lieutenant at Quebec ;

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France or his lieutenants in the jurisdiction of Quebec to put the said *Sieur de la Citière* in possession of the said places, and cause the boundaries and limits thereof to be duly marked ; and giving him power to do so, in virtue of that given to us by the Company of New France.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this fifteenth day of November, one thousand six hundred and fifty-three.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

DURANT.

N^o 351.

PIERRE HAYMARD.

PHILIPPE DE RIGAUT, Marquis of Vaudreuil, Knight of the military order of St. Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King throughout the whole of New France ;

JACQUES RAUDOT, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

On the petition presented to us by the *Sieur Pierre Haymard*, merchant residing in this City of Quebec, praying that we would grant him the concession of the Point of *Passepebiat*, situate in the Bay of *Chaleurs*, with one league in front on the east side of the said Point and one league on the west side, together with the inlands and islets which may be found opposite the extent of the said concession, by three leagues in depth ; having regard to the premises,

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Haymard*

the said Point of Passebiat and the tract of land above mentioned as it is herein described ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Haymard, his successors and assigns, as his property for ever, under the title of fief, seignior, and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris followed in this country ; on condition also that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of the King's ships ; that he shall give notice to His Majesty of the mines, ores or minerals which may be found within the said extent ; that he shall keep therein house and home (*feu et lieu*) and cause the same to be kept by his tenants ; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said lands ; that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; that he shall allow the beach to be free to all fishermen, with the exception of the portion which he may want for his own fishery ; and should His Majesty hereafter require any portion of the said lands to build and fortify thereon, he shall not be held to pay any indemnity to the proprietors of the same ; the whole under pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, and after [the said confirmation shall have been obtained, in default, on his part, of keeping house and home, the said concession shall be reunited to His Majesty's domain.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the tenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seven.

True copy,

Signed,

RAUDOT.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

SEURRAT.

N^o 352.

ROBERT GIFFARD, SIEUR DE BEAUPORT.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

The desire which we entertain of advancing the colony in New France agreeably to the King's will causing us to receive those who have the means of contributing thereto, and being willing to distribute the lands of the said country among those who participate with us in

this praiseworthy design, and who may be able to have them cleared and cultivated, in order to attract Frenchmen thither by whose example the people of the said country, who have hitherto lived without any police, may be instructed in the knowledge of the true God and brought under the King's dominion; after the good intentions of the Sieur Robert Giffard, and his zeal for the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Religion, and for the King's service, have been made apparent to us;

We, therefore, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, have granted and conceded, and by these presents do grant and concede unto the said Sieur Giffard the extent and quantity of lands following, that is to say: one league of land to be taken along the shore of the river St. Lawrence, by one league and a half in depth inland, at the place where the river called Notre-Dame de Beauport discharges itself into the said river St. Lawrence, the said river Notre-Dame included; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Giffard, his successors or assigns, in full jurisdiction, property and seignior, in the same manner and under the same rights as it has pleased His Majesty to grant the country of New France to the said company, with the exception, however, of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Giffard, his successors or assigns shall be bound to render at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or at any other place which shall be appointed by the said company, by one full homage at each mutation of possessor of the said lands, with a piece of gold weighing one ounce, and one year's revenue of what the said Sieur Giffard shall have reserved to himself after he shall have granted in fief or *à cens et rentes* the whole or part of the said lands, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie immediately before the court of supreme jurisdiction which shall hereafter be established in the said country; that the men whom the said Sieur Giffard or his successors shall send to New France shall serve to the discharge of the said Company, in diminution of the number which it is obliged to send to that country, and to that end he shall deliver each year a list of them at the office of the said company, so that it may be certified thereof; without however the said Sieur Giffard, or his successors, having the right to trade for furs and skins in the said place or any other place in New France, otherwise than under the conditions of the edict establishing the said company; besides which things the company has moreover granted to the said Sieur Giffard, his successors or assigns, a place near the Fort of Quebec, containing two arpents, to erect thereon a dwelling house, with the conveniences of a yard and garden, which place he shall hold *à cens* of the said Fort of Quebec, without the said Sieur Giffard, his successors or assigns, having the right to dispose of the whole or part of the lands hereinabove granted to him without the will and consent of the said company, during the term and space of ten years to be computed from the date hereof, after which time it shall be at his option to dispose of the same in favor of persons possessing the qualities required by the edict establishing the said company; nor shall the said Giffard, his successors and assigns, have the right to build fortifications on the above granted lands without the permission of the said company.

And we hereby command the Sieur Champlain, commanding for the said company, under the authority of the King and of Mylord the cardinal de Richelieu, grand master, chief and superintendent general of the navigation and commerce of France, at the fort and settlement of Quebec and throughout the extent of the said river St. Lawrence and adjacent lands, that he cause the said Sieur Giffard to enjoy the present grant, and put him in posses-

cession of the lands and places hereinabove conceded to him; of all which he shall certify the said company by the return of the first ships to France.

Done at the general meeting of the Company of New France, held at the hotel of Monsieur le Président de Lauzon, councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, intend-ant of the said company.

At Paris, the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-four.

And lower down is written :

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And sealed in red wax with the seal of the Company.

And on the other side is written :

On this last day of December one thousand six hundred and thirty-five, before us Marc Antoine de Brasdefer, Esquire, Sieur de Chateaufort, Lieutenant General throughout the extent of the river St. Lawrence in New France for His Lordship the cardinal duke of Richelieu, peer of France, and grand master, chief and superintendent general of the navigation and commerce of this kingdom, appeared Messire Robert Giffard, Sieur de Beauport, who has promised to obey the laws and ordinances which shall be enjoined and notified to him, in which he shall not fail, rendering on this subject fealty and homage, on account of his land of Beauport, holding expressly of the Fort and Castle of Quebec.

Done the day and year above mentioned.

Signed,

BRASDEFERT CHASTEAUFORT,

With a flourish.

N^o 353.

THE SIEUR GIFFARD DE BEAUPORT.

JEAN DE LAUZON, councillor ordinary to the King in his state and privy councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in New France, the extent of the river St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

The Company of New France having recognised on several occasions the zeal which the Sieur de Giffard, Esquire, Sieur de Beauport, has always had for the establishment of the

colony of New France, the great expence which he has incurred and the losses which he has sustained for that object, when he was made prisoner by the English with the fleet in the year 1628, the company has endeavoured, in acknowledgement thereof, to gratify the said Sieur Giffard, and particularly, at the meeting of the 15th January 1634, held at our hotel in France, has granted him one league of land in front on the river St. Lawrence, to commence from the mouth of the river called Notre Dame de Beauport, by one league and a half in depth, having caused a concession thereof to be issued to him, in possession of which he was put by the late Monsieur Champlain, to whom it was addressed as then governor; the said land being bounded one side by the said river Notre Dame de Beauport, and on the other side by the river of the Falls of Montmorency, as appears by a deed signed "A. Duchesne," and in witness of the seal and hand-writing of the said late Sieur de Champlain, by the Sieurs "Letardif de la Porte and A. Duchesne de la Ville," and by "Lespinasse," appointed clerk by Monsieur le chevalier de Montmagny, and signed by him; and moreover, by deed of the 16th day of April 1646, signed "Lamy," and sealed with the seal of the said company, there was granted to him two leagues in front by ten leagues in depth, either near the former concession or in any other place which might be pointed out by the said Sieur de Montmagny, which it was not in his power to execute, having granted a portion thereof to the Reverend Hospitaller Ladies; and he has further prayed us to extend his concession of Beauport, consisting already of one league and a half in depth, and to grant him as far as four leagues inland, and thus on until meeting another extent of land at his convenience, he may complete what had been granted to him;

For these reasons, inclining to the prayer of the said Sieur Giffard, and until a greater extent can be granted to him, we, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur Giffard, seignior of Beauport, two leagues and a half in depth by the front of one league of his said seignior of Beauport, bounded on one side by the river Notre Dame de Beauport, including the said river, and on the other side by the river of the Falls of Montmorency: to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, with such and similar rights as he has hitherto possessed and still possesses the said seignior of Beauport; to form of the whole but one fief and render but one homage therefor, as if by the former concession there had been granted to him four leagues in depth, instead of its containing only one league and a half; and as the said Sieur Giffard is in possession of the said lands, which are contiguous to those which we have by these presents conceded to him, there is no necessity of further putting him in possession thereof.

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France, or his lieutenants, to cause these presents to be registered where it may be necessary, and deliver him certificates thereof, and maintain him, his heirs and assigns in the enjoyment of the said lands, according to law.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this thirty-first day of March one thousand six hundred and fifty-three.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

And further down,

By command of His Lordship,

PEUVRET.

N^o 354.

TO THE SIEUR THOMAS LEFEVRE.

HECTOR CHEVALLIER DE CALLIÈRE, Knight of the military order of Saint Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King over all New France ;

FRANÇOIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, Knight, Seigneur of la Chaussée, Beaumont and other places, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said country.

On the petition presented to us by the Sieur Thomas Lefevre, interpreter of the Abenakee language in this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant unto him, his heirs and assigns the concession of a land situate in Acadia, at the place called Kouesancuskek, containing two leagues in front along the sea shore, by three leagues in depth towards the interior of the lands, to commence from the north side of the point called Meniekek and continue ascending on the south west side of the River St. George, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, to enable the said Sieur Lefevre to form a settlement thereon, and enjoy the same, himself, his heirs and assigns, as their property, for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the extent of the said concession ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede to the said Sieur Lefevre the said lands as hereinabove described, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs or assigns as their property for ever, under the title of fief and seigniory, with the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of Paris, followed in this country ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved by his tenants the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships ; that he shall give notice to the King or to the governor and intendant of this country of the mines, ores or minerals, if any be found within the extent of the said concession, and that he shall immediately clear the said lands, that he shall immediately keep and cause to be kept thereon house and home (*feu et lieu*), and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year, on pain of nullity of the same.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Done and given at Quebec, the seventh day of May, one thousand seven hundred and three.

Signed,

LE CHEVALIER DE CALLIÈRE.

BEAUHARNOIS.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

HAUTEVILLE.

And,

By command of Mylord,

TRESCHARD.

N^o 355.

TO THE SIEUR JEAN BOURDON, IN BEHALF OF JEAN FRANÇOIS BOURDON.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Ordinary Councillor to the King in his State and Privy Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France, extent of the River St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France we have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto Jean Bourdon, seignior of St. Jean, the quantity of lands following, that is to say :

The whole extent of land which may be found on the River St. Lawrence, on the north shore of the same, from the boundary of the concession of the Sieur Abbé de Lauzon, to that of the late Sieur des Chastellets, by four leagues in depth, with the right of mean and inferior jurisdiction, unto himself, his heirs and assigns, and under the same rights as the Company of New France enjoys the same by virtue of the donation which was made to it by the edict of its establishment, with the reserve and exception however of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur Bourdon, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the *sénéchaussée* of Quebec, by one homage, and as a redemption fee (*rachapt*) one year's revenue at each mutation of possessor, agreeably to the Custom of the Vexin Français included in that of Paris ; and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the Grand Seneschal of New France at Quebec.

Hereby commanding the Grand Seneschal of New France to put the said Sieur Bourdon in possession of the said lands, and hereby giving him power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, the fifteenth day of December, one thousand six hundred and fifty-three.

By command of His Lordship, Signed, DE LAUZON.
DURANT.

N^o 356.

NICOLAS DU PONT, SIEUR DE NEUVILLE.

THE SIEURS LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior la Barre, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty over all the countries of New France and Acadia ; and

DENEULLES, Seignior of la Source, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances in the said countries.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Monsieur Nicolas du Pont, Esquire, Sieur de Neuville, Councillor in the Supreme Council of this country, praying that we would be pleased to grant him the space of land in front included between his fief of Neuville and the fief of Pointe-aux-Ecureuils, by the same depth as his said fief of Neuville ;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur du Pont the aforesaid space of land, which said space of land we have united, joined and incorporated and do unite, join and incorporate with his said fief and seigniory of Neuville ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns under the same rights of fief and jurisdiction as he holds his said fief, the whole forming but one seigniory and jurisdiction, and subject to the same charges, clauses and conditions as he is now charged with towards the King for his said fief of Neuville.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-seventh day of April one thousand six hundred and eighty-three.

And lower down, Signed, LEFEBVRE DE LA BARRE,
DEMEULLES.
By command of My said Lords, REGNAULT.

N^o 357.

TO THE SIEUR NICOLAS JUCHEREAU DE ST. DENIS, FOR JOSEPH JUCHEREAU.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Frontenac, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other countries of North France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by the Sieur Nicolas Juchereau de St. Denis, praying that we would be pleased to grant him, for and on behalf of Joseph Juchereau, his son, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), the lands situate on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, between those belonging to the Sieurs de la Durantaye and de la Bouteillerie, containing one league or thereabouts in front by four leagues in depth ;

We, in virtue of the power entrusted to us jointly with Monsieur Duchesneau, councillor to the King in his councils, intendant of justice, police and finances of this country, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieur de St. Denis, for and on behalf of the said Joseph Juchereau, his son, the said lands situate on the south shore, between those belonging to the Sieurs de la Durantaye and de la Bouteillerie, containing one league or thereabouts in front by four leagues in depth of the said league ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief and seignior, superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which he, his said heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, which shall be followed in this respect provisionally and until otherwise ordained by His Majesty, and that the appeals from the decisions of the Judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the lieutenant general of the royal provostship of Quebec ; also on condition that he shall keep and cause to be kept house and home (*feu et lieu*) by his tenants on the concessions which he may grant them, and in default of their so doing he shall re-enter *pleno jure* into the possession of the said lands ; that the said Sieur de St. Denis, on behalf of his said son, shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found within the limits of the said lands ; that he shall give immediate notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores or minerals if any be found therein, and that he shall leave and cause to be left all the necessary roadways and passages ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty, by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twelfth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-nine.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ Count de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King over the whole of North France.

The Sieur Juchereau de St. Denis having made us remark that in the deed of concession which we granted him on the twelfth day of May 1679, of the lands situate on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, between those belonging to the Sieurs de la Durantaye and de la Bouteillerie, we had omitted to insert as customary the right of hunting, fishing and trading with the Indians ;

We, by these presents, declare that our intention has always been and still is that he should have the right of fishing, hunting and trading throughout the said lands, as all the other seigniors to whom we have granted lands in this country under the title of seignior.

In testimony whereof he have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At Quebec, the 15th day of April 1697.

Signed, FRONTENAC.

And lower down,

By command of His Lordship,

HAUTEVILLE.

N^o 358.

TO THE SIEUR NICOLAS JUCHEREAU, SIEUR DE ST. DENIS.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Knight, Councillor ordinary to the King in his State and Privy Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty in New France, the extent of the River St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, and registered where it has been necessary,

We have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto Nicolas Juchereau, Esquire, Sieur de St. Denis, the quantity of land following, that is to say :

Three leagues in front on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, at the place called by the Indians Kamouraska, the said three leagues in front to be taken one league ascending above the south west point, and two leagues descending towards the north east, by two leagues in depth inland, together with all the islands and beaches which are opposite the said extent ; to have and to hold the said lands in fief and seignior with all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), unto him, his heirs

and assigns, and under the same rights as the Company of New France enjoys the same in virtue of the donation which was made to it by the edict establishing it, with the exception however of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said *Sieur St. Denis*, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the *sénéchaussée* of Quebec by one homage, and pay for the redemption fine (*rachapt*) one year's revenue at each mutation of possessor, agreeably to the Custom of the Vexin Français, included in that of Paris, and that the appeals from the judge who may be appointed at the said place shall lie before the Grand Seneschal of New France, or his lieutenants in the jurisdiction of Quebec.

Hereby commanding the Grand Seneschal of New France, his lieutenants or deputies to put the said *Sieur de St. Denis* in possession of the said place, and hereby giving him power so to do.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this first day of April, one thousand six hundred and fifty-six.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

By command of His Lordship,

ROUER.

NO 359.

TO THE SIEUR ANTOINE CHEFFAULT DE LA REGNARDIÈRE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

The desire which we entertain of increasing the colony in New France, causing us to receive those who are able to assist us in this praiseworthy undertaking, and being willing, as a further inducement thereto, to grant them some portion of the lands conceded to us by the King; after having been certified of the good intentions of the nobleman Antoine Cheffault, *Sieur de la Regnardière*;

For these and other causes hereunto moving us, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by His Majesty, we have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the extent and quantity of land following, that is to say:

The extent of land from the boundaries of the property of the *Sieur Giffart*, descending the said River St. Lawrence, in New France, as far as the River du Gouffre, by six leagues in depth inland; to have and to hold the same unto the said *Sieur de la Regnardière*, his successors and assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seignior, for ever, under the same rights as it has pleased His Majesty to grant the said country of New France to

the said company, with the reservation however of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said Sieur de la Regnardière, his successors or assigns shall be held to perform at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or at any other place which shall hereafter be appointed by the company, by one full homage at each mutation of possessor of the said lands, and pay one piece of gold weighing half an ounce, and the revenue of one year of what the said Sieur de la Regnardière shall have reserved to himself after he shall have granted in fief or *à cens et rentes* the whole or part of the said lands, and that the appeals from the judge of the said place shall lie before the provost or bailiff (*bailli*) of Quebec, and by appeal before the parliament of the same place.

And also on condition that the men whom the said Sieur de la Regnardière and his successors shall send to New France shall turn to the discharge of the said company and be computed in the number of those whom it is to send there according to the edict of its establishment, and those who shall make the shipments shall be held to deliver each year at the office of the said company a list of the men who shall embark in the ships to go and settle in the said country, so that the said company may be made certain thereof; but neither the said Sieur de la Regnardière, his successors and assigns, nor those whom they may have sent to the said country, shall have the right of trading with the Indians for skins and furs, otherwise than under the conditions of the said edict.

And should the said Sieur de la Regnardière wish to cause the said extent of land to bear some more honorable name or title, he shall for that purpose apply to the King and Mylord the Cardinal Duke of Richelieu, Peer of France, Grand Master, Chief and Superintendent of the navigation and commerce of this Kingdom, that provision may be made in this behalf according to the said edict.

Commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, Knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor of Quebec and other places on the River St. Lawrence, for the said company, under the authority of the King and of His said Lordship the Cardinal de Richelieu, that he cause and allow the said Sieur de la Regnardière to enjoy the present concession, assigning him the boundaries and limits of the said lands as it may appertain.

Done at the general meeting of the Company of New France held at Paris in the Hotel of Monsieur de Lauzon, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of the said Company, the fifteenth day of January, one thousand six hundred and thirty-six.

Signed,

DE LAUZON,

DE LA FERTÉ,

Abbé de Ste. Magdelaine,

MARGONNE,

BERRUYER, and

J. BOURGUET.

N^o 360.

TO MESSIEURS OF THE SEMINARY: DE BERNIÈRES AND DE MEZERETS.

THE SIEURS LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE, Seignior of la Barre, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Governor and Lieutenant General for His Majesty throughout the whole extent of New France and Acadia; and

DEMEULLES, Seignior of la Source, Knight, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Intendant of Justice, Police and Finances of the said country.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that on the petition presented to us by Messieurs de Bernières and de Mezerets, grand vicars of Mylord the Bishop, and superiors of the seminary of this city, praying that we would be pleased to grant them for the said seminary the islets of the Cap Brûlé and the Islet Rompu, situate opposite the lands of the seignior of Beaupré, consisting of rocks which are nearly all covered at high tide and which can be useful only for seal fishing;

We, in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the said Sieurs de Bernières and de Mezerets, in the name aforesaid, the said Islets of the Cap Brûlé and Islet Rompu above specified; to have and to hold the same unto the said seminary, for ever, in frank aumone and mortmain, hereby forbidding all persons of whatever quality or condition they may be, to fish or hunt within the limits of the said places; and the said Sieurs superiors of the said seminary shall be held to give notice to the King or to us of the mines, ores and minerals, if any be found within the said extent, and to have these presents confirmed by His Majesty within two years to be computed from the date hereof.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seals at arms and countersigned by our Secretary.

Given at Quebec the fourth day of February one thousand six hundred and eighty-four.

Signed,

LEFEVRE DE LA BARRE,

DEMEULLE.

And further down,

By command of Mylord,

REGNAULT.

N^o 361.

TO THE DAME GAGNIER, WIDOW OF THE LATE JEAN CLÉMENT DU WAULT, SIEUR
DE MONCEAUX.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

Having manifested the zeal which we have for the colony of New France, and the affection which we bear the inhabitants of the said country, by liberally ceding and transferring to them the trade in skins and furs, and all the advantage which may be derived from the trade by the means of which we might hope to refund a part of the great expences which we have incurred during the last twenty years for the success of the said colony, and yet at present, when we make concessions of lands, we carefully seek those who are most able to aid us in the accomplishment of our design and to improve the lands for the advancement of the colony ;

Therefore, being fully assured of the good qualities of the Dame Gagnier, widow of the late Maître Jean Clément du Wault, knight, seignior of Monceaux, commanding a regiment of light cavalry kept for the King's service, and of her zeal for the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Religion, and her affection for the King's service ;

We, for these and other causes hereunto moving us, have given, granted and conceded, and, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our sovereign lord, do by these presents give, grant and concede unto her the lands and places hereafter mentioned, that is to say : one half league of land in front on the River St. Lawrence, by five leagues in depth, at such place as it may please Monsieur Dailleboust, governor throughout the extent of the River St. Lawrence, provided it be in a place not yet conceded, and on condition that she shall leave a road one hundred feet wide between the said River St. Lawrence and the said conceded lands ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Dame Anne Gagnier, her successors or assigns, for ever, under the title of fief holding of, and depending on our Company at Quebec ; by one full homage, and subject also to the payment hereafter of the seigniorial and feudal dues, when and as is practised in France, agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris ;

And moreover, we have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the same power, do give, grant and concede unto the said Dame Anne Gagnier, one arpent of land within the limits designated for the city of Quebec, or at Three Rivers, and in such place as may be judged the most convenient by the said Sieur Dailleboust, governor, on condition also that it shall be an unconceded place, likewise to have and to hold the same unto the said Dame Gagnier, her successors or assigns, in full property, subject to the payment of a *cens* of six *deniers* for the said arpent for each year, payable to the person who shall be appointed by our Company at Quebec, the said *cens* bearing *lods et ventes, saisines et amendes*, as the case may occur according to the Custom of Paris.

Hereby commanding the Sieur Dailleboust, governor and lieutenant general for the King in New France, that he put the said Dame Gagnier in possession of the above conceded

lands and assign to her the boundaries and limits of the same, and that of the *procès-verbal* which shall be made thereof he certify the said Company by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the general meeting of the intendant and directors of the Company of New France, held at their office in Paris, in the year of grace one thousand six hundred and forty-eight, the twenty-ninth day of May.

In testimony whereof we have caused the present copy to be made from the original signed by us, remaining in our office, and caused the same to be sealed with the seal of our Company.

Signed: By the Company of New France,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And sealed with red wax.

I do hereby certify to all whom it may concern, that in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, on the twenty-fifth day of October, Madame de Monceaux having placed in my hands a title of concession of one half league in front on the great River St. Lawrence by five leagues in depth inland, dated the twenty-ninth day of March one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, by command of Monsieur Dailleboust then governor, that the said Dame Monceaux might take possession of the said half league, she has requested that the said concession might be granted to her to be taken from the River Jacques-Cartier descending as far as the said half league may extend below, and as it was then impossible, on account of the incursions of the Iroquois, to go and make the survey thereof, take possession or draw the lines, and set up the boundaries of the same as required, she has contented herself with demanding a certificate of diligence that she took her lands in the said place and chose it for her said concession.

Done at Quebec, the day and year above written.

Signed,

BOURDON.

Compared with the original on paper, by me the undersigned Pierre Duquet, Royal Notary in New France, at Quebec the twenty-first day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-six, being required to do so by Mr. René Hubert, Royal Bailiff, to whom I have immediately returned the said original.

DUQUET,

With a flourish.

N^o 362.

TO THE REVEREND RECOLLECT FATHERS.

LOUIS DE BUADE, Count de Palluau, councillor to the King in his councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in Canada, Acadia, the Island of Newfoundland and other Countries of New France.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

On what has been represented to us by the Revd. Father de la Ribourde, provincial vicar and superior of the Reverend Recollect Fathers of this country, that, since the year 1615, several Religious Fathers of their order, from the province of Paris, had come to this country for the instruction of the heathen Indians thereof, where having arrived they took possession of a certain quantity of land which had been granted them along the river St. Charles, on which they erected buildings for themselves and a chapel called Notre-Dame des Anges, and remained and resided thereon, going on missions in the country and fulfilling the duties of curate of this city of Quebec, until the year 1629, when they were obliged to return to France, this said country having been taken by the English, who were in possession of it for several years, since which time the said Recollect Fathers did not return because several considerations prevented them from doing so, and because they did not obtain permission to return till the year 1669, when they embarked with their titles to come again to this country, settle therein and resume possession of the said place of Notre-Dame des Anges and the lands thereon depending ;

But having been obliged to put back to Portugal, God permitted that having sailed from the port of Lisbon to return to France, they should be wrecked and lose their said titles concerning the ownership of the lands belonging to them at the said place of Notre-Dame des Anges, without any others remaining to them, and having re-embarked the following year for the same purpose with four letters *de cachet* from the King, dated at St. Germain en Laye the 4th day of April 1670, signed "Louis," and further down "Colbert," and addressed, the first to the Reverend Father Germain Allart, then provincial of the said Recollect Fathers in the said province, ordering him to come to this country with four others of his order, who were the Reverend Father de la Ribourde, Father Simple Laudon, Father Hilarion and Brother Anselme Bardou, to resume possession of their said lands ; the second to Monsieur de Courcelle, then governor of this country, commanding him to support with his authority the said Reverend Father Allart and procure the re-establishment of the said Recollect Fathers ; the third to Monsieur the Bishop of Petrea, for the same purpose ; the fourth to Monsieur Talon, then intendant of this country, also to the same end ;

They arrived here safely, and took the necessary steps to resume the possession of the lands belonging to them at the said place of Notre-Dame des Anges, according to the said letters of *cachet*, and to documents which they had recovered at their convent in Paris, and from several old inhabitants of this country, but were at first prevented from so doing by several persons who had taken possession of the said lands, and they even found that the greater portion thereof had been given and conceded during their absence by Monsieur Davaugour, then governor and lieutenant general for the King in this country, to René Louis Chartier, Esquire, Sieur de Lotbinière, in fief and seignior, with the right of jurisdiction,

by title of the 29th January 1662, signed "Dubois Davangour," which said Sieur de Lotbinière has restored the same to them by deed passed before Rageot, royal notary in this city, on the 23rd day of October 1670, and the remainder was found possessed on one side by the Religious Ladies Hospitallers of this city, and on the other by the widow and heirs of the late Sieur de Repentigny ;

Which said Recollect Fathers, in order to avoid a law suit, and live as truly Religious, have made a compromise with the said Religious Ladies in respect to the said lands, which the latter were in possession of, by a deed passed before Becquet, royal notary in this city, on the 2nd day of November 1672, and exchanged a part of the same with the said Religious Ladies as representing and having acquired the lands of the said widow and heirs of the said late Sieur de Repentigny, by deed passed before the said Becquet, notary, on the 20th day of April last, so that the said Fathers still remain in possession of one hundred and six arpents of land by ten arpents in front on the said river St. Charles ;

The said Reverend Father de la Ribourde, in the name aforesaid, praying that we would be pleased, considering the loss of their titles, to grant to the said convent of Notre-Dame des Anges a new title for the said extent of one hundred and six arpents of land by ten in front, with the right of hunting and fishing on the said river St. Charles, opposite the lands which are now enjoyed by the said convent, and this for the use of the same ;

To which inclining, and wishing to treat favorably the said Recollect Fathers, in order the more to oblige them to continue the spiritual assistance which they give in this country, after having examined the said letters of *cachet* collated and signed "Chassebras," councillor, secretary to the King's household and crown of France of the ancient college, and also the titles and contracts above mentioned, together with the registration thereof at the supreme council ;

We, in virtue of the power conferred on us by His Majesty, and rightly to fulfil his intentions, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto the Reverend Recollect Fathers the quantity of one hundred and six arpents of land by ten arpents in front on the said river St. Charles, opposite the lands now enjoyed by the said Recollect Fathers, and joining on both sides the lands belonging to the Religious Hospitaller Ladies, with the right of fishing on the said river St. Charles, throughout the said extent ; to have and to hold the said lands unto the said Reverend Recollect Fathers, for ever, with the rights of fief and seignior, subject to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) at the Castle of Quebec, agreeably to the custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, reserving the administration of justice, which shall be exercised in the jurisdiction of Quebec ; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom they shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year from this date.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms, and countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Given at Quebec, the twenty-ninth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed,

FRONTENAC.

And lower down :

Registered according to the order of this day, at Quebec, in the supreme council, the second day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed, PEUVRET.

With a flourish.

And still lower down :

By command of His Lordship,

LECHASSEUR,

With a flourish.

N^o 363.

TO MONSIEUR LE COMTE TALON.

LOUIS, by the grace of God, King of France.

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our trusty and well beloved the Sieur Talon, Councillor, Secretary of our Cabinet in survivorship, and Captain of our Castle of Marimont, has caused to be represented to us that in consideration of the services which he has heretofore rendered to us during several years, in New France, in the capacity of intendant of justice, police and finances of the said country, in strengthening and extending the colony of our subjects which has been formed there ;

We have, by our letters dated the fourteenth day of March one thousand six hundred and seventy-one, given, granted and conceded unto him the land, fief and seigniorie called des Islets, in the said country, together with three neighbouring villages to us belonging, the first called Bourg Royal, the second Bourg la Reine, and the third Bourg Talon, with their appertenance and dependencies whatever they might consist of, which we have united and incorporated with the said land, fief and seigniorie des Islets, and erected the said seigniorie into the title and dignity of a barony ;

The said Sieur Talon to enjoy the same in full property and to call, name and style himself Baron des Islets in all acts, whether judicial or otherwise, and in that quality to enjoy the honors, armorial bearings, prerogatives, rank and precedence as well at war as at meetings of the nobility or otherwise, in the same manner as the other Barons of our Kingdom, although not specified in our said letters, and have willed and ordained that all the inhabitants, tenants, men and vassals of the said lands and boroughs should acknowledge him as Baron, and in such quality render him fealty and homage and deliver him their *aveux et dénombrements* and declarations, the case occurring.

And in order to further gratify him, we have also by our aforesaid letters given him the right of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction throughout the whole extent as well of the said land, fief and seigniorie des Islets as of the said boroughs, appurtenances and dependencies, to cause the said jurisdiction to be exercised jointly under the said title of baron and castellan, and in such place of the said barony and castellany des Islets, as to him might seem meet, by one castellan judge, lieutenant, clerk, fiscal attorney and other officers, whom he would and might appoint, with the same rights, power and authority which belong to other barons having superior jurisdiction (*hauts-justiciers*) of our Kingdom, which judges shall entitle their sentences and judgements with the title of barony and castellany des Islets, without any change of jurisdiction (*ressort*) or contravention to the royal cases ;

And moreover to establish gaols, a four post gibbet where he might think proper, within the extent of the said barony and castellany, and a post with an iron collar on which his arms should be engraved ;

The whole on condition that there should be no change in the tenure belonging to us throughout the extent of the said country, by one act of fealty and homage, *aveu et dénombrement* for the said land and barony, under the rights and duties due to us and ordained in the said country, and without any claim on our part or on that of the Kings our successors, in default of male heirs born in lawful wedlock, to have the said barony reunited to our domain according to the ordinance of the month of July one thousand five hundred and sixty-six, from which we have derogated in this respect only.

Which letters the said Sieur Talon has caused to be registered at the supreme council established at Quebec and wherever need has been ; and inasmuch as since the granting of the said letters he has continued his services to us in the said country and given still stronger proofs of his zeal and affection, wishing to acknowledge the same and prove to him more and more, on our part, our affection and satisfaction, we have judged that we could not better do so than by erecting into a county the said land and barony, which unites all the marks and qualities required to that effect, and the rights whereof constitute a revenue sufficient to maintain and support in future that eminent title, and by changing the name of the said barony into that of Orsainville.

For these and other causes hereunto moving us, we have the said barony des Islets and its appurtenances and dependencies created, erected and elevated, and of our special grace, full power and royal authority do create, erect and elevate by these presents, signed with our hand, into the title, name, quality and dignity of a county, which shall hereafter be called the county of Orsainville.

The said Sieur Talon, his heirs, successors or assigns, as well male as female, to enjoy and use the same under the said title of county ; it being our will and pleasure that they may so call, name and style themselves in all acts as well judicial as otherwise, and that they may enjoy the same honors, rights, rank, precedence and prerogatives as those belonging to the dignity of count, although not here particularly specified ; that all the vassals, *arrière-vassaux* and other noble tenants acknowledge him as count, render him fealty and homage as such, give him their *aveux*, *dénombrements* and *déclarations*, the case occurring, and the

officers administering justice in the said county shall entitle their sentences and judgments under the same name, without however any mutation or change of jurisdiction, or contravention to the royal cases, or by reason of the present erection and change of title and name the said Sieur Talon being held towards us, or his vassals and tenants towards him, to any greater duties than those which they at present owe, subject to the condition that he shall hold from us by one act of fealty and homage, rights and duties.

And also without derogating from or prejudicing any rights and duties which may be due to others than us, or the said county of Orsainville being subject to reversion or reunion to our domain for any reason whatsoever, notwithstanding the edicts of the years one thousand five hundred and sixty-six, one thousand five hundred and seventy-nine, one thousand five hundred and eighty-one and one thousand five hundred and eighty-two, and the ordinances made concerning the erection of counties, from which we have derogated and hereby derogate, and which derogations we have made considering that without such condition the said Sieur Talon would not have accepted the present favor.

Hereby commanding our faithful and beloved councillors and persons forming our supreme council established at Quebec, to cause these present letters of erection and commutation to be registered, and the said Sieur Talon and his successors male and female, born or to be born in lawful wedlock, and his assigns, to enjoy and possess the contents of these presents fully and peaceably and for ever, ceasing and causing to cease all troubles and hindrances to the contrary, for such is our pleasure.

In testimony whereof we have caused these presents to be sealed with our seal.

Given at St. Germain en Laye, in the month of May of the year of grace one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, and of our reign the thirty-third.

Signed, LOUIS.

And on the margin,

By the King,

COLBERT.

And sealed with the great seal of green wax in strings of red and green silk.

And further down is written :

Registered in the office of the supreme council according to its order of this day, to have and to hold unto the said Sieur Talon what is contained in the same, at Quebec the twenty-third day of September, one thousand six hundred and seventy-five.

N^o 364.

TO MONSIEUR JACQUES CASTILLON.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE.

To all present and to come, greeting.

Our desire of increasing the colony in New France causing us to receive those who are able to assist us in this praiseworthy enterprise, and being willing, as a further inducement thereto, to gratify them with some portion of the lands conceded to us by the King, after having been certified of the good intentions of Monsieur Jacques Castillon, burgess of the city of Paris,

For these and other reasons hereunto moving us, and in virtue of the power bestowed upon us, we have given and conceded, and by these presents do give and concede unto him the extent and quantity of lands following, that is to say: the Island of Orleans, lying and being in the River St. Lawrence, in New France, to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur Castillon, his successors or assigns, in full property, jurisdiction and seigniory, for ever, under the same conditions and with the same rights as it has pleased His Majesty to grant the country of New France to the said Company, with the reserve and exception however of fealty and homage which the said Sieur Castillon, his successors or assigns shall be held to pay at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, or any other place that may be appointed by the said Company, by one full homage at each mutation of possessor of the said place, with a piece of gold weighing half an ounce, and one year's revenue of what the said Sieur Castillon shall have reserved to himself after he shall have given in fief or *à cens et rentes* the whole or part of the said lands; and that the appeals shall lie before the provost or bailiff (*bailli*) of Quebec, and by appeal before the parliament of the said place; that the men whom the said Sieur Castillon and his successors may send to New France aforesaid, shall serve to the discharge of the said Company and shall be computed in the number of those whom it is obliged to send to the said country according to the edict establishing it, and for that effect those making the shipments shall be held to forward every year to the office of the said Company a list of the men who shall embark to go and inhabit the said country, so that the said Company may be certain thereof; but neither the said Castillon, his successors or assigns, nor any others whom they may have sent to the said country, shall have the right of trading with the Indians for furs and skins, otherwise than under the conditions of the said edict; and should the said Sieur Castillon wish the said extent of land to bear some more honorable name or title, he shall for that purpose apply to the King and His Lordship the cardinal duke of Richelieu, peer of France, grand master, chief and superintendent of the navigation and commerce of the kingdom, that provision may be made therein according to the said edict.

Hereby commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, governor of Quebec and other places situate on the River St. Lawrence, for the said Company, under the authority of the King and of His Lordship the cardinal duke of Richelieu, to cause and allow the said Sieur Castillon to enjoy the present concession, assigning him the limits and boundaries of the aforesaid lands as it may appertain.

Done at the general meeting of the Company of New France held at Paris, in the hotel of Monsieur de Lauzon, councillor to the King in his councils, intendant of the said Company, the fifteenth day of January one thousand six hundred and thirty-six.

Signed, DE LAUZON,
DE LA FERTÉ,
Abbé de Ste. Madelaine.
BERRUYER,
MARGONNE, and
J. BOURGUET.

N^o 365.

TO MONSIEUR JEAN BOURDON.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known, that having seen the deed of distribution and allotment of lands in New France the tenor of which follows :

We, Charles Huault de Montmagny, lieutenant for His Majesty throughout the whole extent of the River St. Lawrence in New France, have distributed and allotted under the pleasure of Messieurs of the said Company, unto the Sieur Jean Bourdon, master land surveyor and engineer in New France, in *roture*, an extent of about fifty arpents, Paris measure, of land covered with growing wood, situate in the banlieue of Quebec and included between the following limits and boundaries, to wit : bounded on the south west side by a line parallel to the road leading from Quebec to Cap-Rouge, distant from the side of the said road about twelve toises, on the north west side by the Côteau Ste. Geneviève, on the south west side by a line perpendicular to the road leading from Quebec to Cap-Rouge, drawn from a spot which we have caused to be marked, on the north east side by the lands of Pierre de la Porte, as described on the map signed by us and which remains at the office ; to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns, fully and peaceably, in simple *roture*, under the charges and *censives* which Messieurs of the Company of New France shall order, on condition that the said Sieur Jean Bourdon shall cause the said lands to be cleared, and shall allow the roads which the officers of Messieurs of the said Company may establish to pass through his lands, if the said officers judge it expedient, and that he shall take a title of concession from Messieurs of the said Company of the said lands by us granted to him. We do hereby certify that we have visited the said place, and assigned to the said Sieur Bourdon the aforesaid boundaries and limits, on the twenty-third day of May one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, in presence of Guillaume Couillard, Olivier Le Tardif and Pierre de la Porte, with the mark of the said Couillard ;

Paris, in the hotel
of the said Com-
six.

AUZON,

A FERTÉ,

de Ste. Madelaine.

UYER,

ONNE, and

URGUET.

The Company has confirmed and hereby confirms the said distribution of land, and as far as may be necessary, has granted and conceded it anew to the said Jean Bourdon, to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors or assigns, under the said charges and conditions above mentioned, and moreover subject to the payment of one *denier of cens* for each arpent every year, of which nevertheless they shall have nothing to pay during the first ten years to be computed from the date of the said grant.

In testimony whereof the directors of the said Company have caused these presents to be delivered, as done and conceded at the meeting held in the hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, at Paris, the fifth day of April one thousand six hundred and thirty-nine, and caused the same to be sealed with the seal of the said Company.

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY,

With a flourish.

And sealed with a seal of red wax.

Nº 366.

TO MONSIEUR JEAN BOURDON.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

On the petition presented to the Company by the Sieur Jean Bourdon, on whom it has bestowed the charge of fiscal attorney in the said country, praying that his house called St. Jean might be erected into a fief, it has been resolved that the said house called St. Jean should be a fief with sixty arpents of land depending on and holding of the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, according to the usages and customs of the city, provostship and viscounty of Paris.

Thus done and granted at the office of the Company of New France, the nineteenth day of March one thousand six hundred and sixty-one.

And lower down is written,

Extracted from the deliberations of the Company of New France, by me,

A. CHEFFAULT,

Secretary.

With a flourish.

N^o 367.

TO ROBERT GIFFARD, SIEUR DE BEAUPORT.

JEAN DE LAUZON, councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, governor and lieutenant general for His Majesty in New France, the extent of the river St. Lawrence.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the Company of New France, registered where it has been necessary, we have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto Robert Giffard, Esquire, seignior of Beauport, the extent of lands following, that is to say: three leagues in front on the river St. Lawrence, on the north side thereof, below Tadoussac and the Grandes and Petites Bergeronnes, at the place called *Mille Vaches*, by four leagues in depth, bounded in front by the said river St. Lawrence, and on the other sides by the ungranted lands: to have and to hold the said lands in fief and all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, unto him, his heirs and assigns, under the same rights as the said company holds them by virtue of the donation made to it thereof by the edict of its establishment, reserving however the fealty and homage which the said Sieur Giffard, himself, his heirs and assigns shall be held to perform at the *sténéchaussée* of Quebec, by one homage, and pay as a redemption fine (*rachapt*) one year's revenue at each mutation of possessor, according to the custom of the Vexin Français included in that of Paris, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before the grand seneschal of New France, or his lieutenant in the jurisdiction of Quebec.

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France, his lieutenants or deputies, to put the said Sieur Giffard in possession of the said lands, and giving him power to do so.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this fifteenth day of November one thousand six hundred and forty-three.

Signed, DE LAUZON.

And further down is written :

By Command of His Lordship,

DURAND,
With a flourish.

And sealed in the margin with a seal of red wax.

N° 368.

MONSIEUR DE BOUCHERVILLE.

Title of a Fief of ten arpents in front by twenty in depth, above Three Rivers, adjoining the Fief of Laludie.

JEAN DE LAUZON, Governor of New France,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, in virtue of the power conferred upon us by the Company of New France, registered where it has been necessary, we have given and conceded, and by these presents do give and concede unto Pierre Boucher, son of the Sieur Boucher, governor of Three-Rivers, the quantity of ten arpents of land in front by twenty in depth, situated on the north shore of the great river St. Lawrence, about three hundred paces above the Fifth River; to possess and enjoy the same, himself, his successors and assigns, by one homage, holding of Quebec, subject to the payment of one year's revenue of the said lands at each mutation of possessor, agreeably to the Custom of the *Vexin Français*, included in the Custom of Paris.

Commanding the grand seneschal of New France to put the said Pierre Boucher in possession and enjoyment of the said lands, and cause the boundaries and limits thereof to be duly set up, and giving him power to do so.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

At the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, this fifth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty-six.

Signed,

DE LAUZON.

By command of His Lordship,

ROUERT.

Signed,

BOUCHERVILLE,

BEGON.

N° 369.

Title of the Fief commonly called Des Ammets, on the river of the Caurière Falls.

THE SIEUR DESJORDY.

LOUIS DE BUADÉ, Count de Frontenac, &c.

JEAN BOCHART, Knight, Seigneur de Champigny, &c.

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, on the petition presented to us by François Desjordy, Esquire, retired captain of the detachment of garrison in this country, praying that we would

be pleased to grant him a concession of two leagues of land in front by four leagues in depth, along the river of the Chaudière Falls, the said front to be taken from the place called *Les Aulnets*, on the south-east side, in the ungranted lands;

We, in consideration of the good services which the said *Sieur Desjordy* has rendered and still renders to His Majesty in this country, and in virtue of the power jointly entrusted to us by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and by these presents do give, grant and concede unto him the said two leagues of land in front by four leagues in depth, as hereinabove described; to have and to hold the same unto him, his successors and assigns, for ever, in full property, under the title of fief and seigniority, with the right of hunting and trading with the Indians throughout the whole extent of the said concession, subject to the condition of paying fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues, according to the Custom of Paris followed in this country; and that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for the building of His Majesty's ships; that he shall give notice to the King, or to the governor of this country, of the mines, ores and minerals which may be found within the said extent; that he shall keep therein house and home, and cause the same to be kept by his tenants; that he shall immediately clear and cause to be cleared the said tract of land, on pain of being dispossessed of the same, and lastly that he shall leave the roadways and passages necessary for the public use; the whole under the pleasure of His Majesty by whom he shall be held to have these presents confirmed within one year.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents, and caused our seal at arms to be affixed thereto, and the same to be countersigned by one of our secretaries.

Done and given at Quebec, the fifteenth day of October one thousand six hundred and ninety-six.

Signed,

FRONTENAC,

BOCHART CHAMPIGNY,

DESJORDY,

BEGON.

N^o 370.

Title of the Seigniority and Barony of Longueuil, the Island of St. Helen and the Isles Rondes.

MONSIEUR DE LONGUEUIL.

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, &c.

As we were proceeding to make a terrier of the domain of New France, in consequence of the order of His Majesty's Council of State held at the Camp of Luting, in the county

of Namur, on the fourth day of June one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, and of our ordinance thereon rendered on the twenty-fifth day of May last,

Appeared before us Charles Lemoyne, Esquire, Sieur de Longueuil, who has represented to us that he is in possession of an estate called Longueuil, in fief and seignior, situate on the south shore of the River St. Lawrence opposite this city of Montreal (*Ville Marie*), containing about two leagues of land in front, joining on one side the lands of the Sieur de Varennes, and on the other those of the seignior of la Prairie de la Magdelaine, which was granted and conceded to him, together with the island called St. Helen, and the *Islet Rond* and other islands, islets and beaches adjacent to the said seignior, that is to say :

By the Sieur de Lauzon de la Citière, the quantity of fifty arpents of land in front by one hundred in depth, in fief and seignior, with all rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*), and that the appeals from the judge of the said seignior shall lie before the jurisdiction of Three Rivers, and to the payment of one year's revenue of the said fifty arpents in front at each mutation of possessor, agreeably to the Custom of the Vexin Français, by a title dated the twenty-fourth day of September one thousand six hundred and forty-seven ;

By the Sieur de Lauzon Charny, the said Island of St. Helen and *Islet Rond*, by an instrument signed by him, and dated the thirtieth day of May one thousand six hundred and seventy-four, under the charges and conditions which it might please the Sieur de Lauzon to impose, after which the said Sieur de Lauzon, as tutor and having the guardianship (*garde noble*) of the minor children of the late Sieur de Lauzon, grand seneschal of this country, to whom the seignior of la Citière belonged, has given and conceded to the said Sieur Lemoyne the said Island of St. Helen and the *Islet Rond*, to enjoy the same in fief with the right of mean and inferior jurisdiction only, holding of the said seignior of la Citière, by full fealty and homage, subject to the payment of ten bushels (*minots*) of wheat of *rente noble, féodale et foncière*, payable on each festival day of St. Martin in the winter, with one year's revenue of the said islands at each mutation of possessor, agreeably to the Custom of the Vexin Français, by title dated at Paris the twentieth day of March one thousand six hundred and sixty-five, signed "de Lauzon," and countersigned "Jeanville," at the foot of which title the said Sieur Charny acknowledges the *rente* mentioned in the said title to be exorbitant and much above what could be demanded for the said concession, and in virtue of the power given him by the said Sieur de Lauzon, he reduces the said *rente* to the sum of ten livres in cash, by an instrument signed by him, dated at Quebec the twelfth day of December of the said year one thousand six hundred and sixty-five ;

And by Monsieur Talon, then Intendant for His Majesty in this said country, the extent of land not yet granted on the said River St. Lawrence between the boundaries of the said Sieur de Varennes and those of the said Sieur Lemoyne, and from those of the said Sieur Lemoyne, on account of the said fifty arpents in front, to those of la Prairie de la Magdelaine, together with the adjacent islands and islets, by one league and a half in depth, in fief, with the rights of jurisdiction and seignior, subject to the condition of fealty and homage, which

the said *Sieur Lemoyne*, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which they shall hold under the customary rights and dues and agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established at the said place shall lie before and under the conditions mentioned in the title deed dated the third day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, signed "*Talon*" and countersigned "*Varnier*;"

The said *Sieur Lemoyne* praying that whereas the said lands are of too little value to compose several seigniories thereof, as the revenues of the same, even if they were wholly under cultivation, would not be sufficient to maintain the officers of three jurisdictions which it would be necessary to establish therein according to the above mentioned title deeds, which are different from each other, the conditions of which would be more onerous than profitable to him, if he were obliged to execute them, especially those which have been granted to him by the said *Sieurs de Lauzon* and de la *Citière* under the Custom of the *Vexin Français*, which is not followed in this country, and even that the said title cannot subsist, the said seignior of la *Citière* having been reunited to His Majesty's domain,—we would be pleased to ordain that in future all the said lands shall be and remain united together, and form but one seignior under the name of *Longueuil*, and to extend its said depth as far as two leagues and a half, considering that the greater part of the front of the said seignior is of little value,—the whole in fief, with the rights of superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction, holding of His Majesty under the usage and Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris which is followed in this said country, and that the appeals from the judge whom he shall have established therein shall lie before the royal jurisdiction nearest to the same ;

Having seen the above dated title deeds, and it appearing to us by several concessions granted by the said *Sieur Talon*, in His Majesty's name, in the places depending on and of which was composed the said seignior of la *Citière*, that no mention was therein made of the same, nor of the conditions under which *Monsieur de Lauzon*, heretofore governor of this country, having the guardianship (*garde noble*) of the children of the said grand seneschal, his son, seignior of la *Citière*, had conceded and granted part of the lands of the said seignior of la *Citière*, which has been reunited to the King's domain, nor of the charges imposed by the Custom of the *Vexin Français*, which shows that it is not His Majesty's intention that any other Custom than that of the provostship and viscounty of Paris should be followed in this country ;

And considering also the great services which the said *Sieur Lemoyne* has rendered to this colony, which has obliged the King to acknowledge them by granting unto him and all his descendants the title of nobility with which His Majesty has been pleased to honor him, and being unable too much to acknowledge those which he daily renders,

We, in virtue of the power conferred upon us by His Majesty, and under his pleasure, have united and by these presents do unite all and singular the places mentioned in the said title deeds of the twenty-fourth September one thousand six hundred and fifty-seven, the thirtieth May one thousand six hundred and sixty-four, the twentieth March and twelfth December

one thousand six hundred and sixty-five, and thirtieth November one thousand six hundred and seventy-two, into one and the same, which shall in future be called Longueuil ;

To have and to hold the said fifty arpents of land in front by one hundred in depth on the one part, the Island of St. Helen and *Islet Rond*, on the other, and the extent of land from the boundaries of the said *Sieur de Varennes* to those of the said fifty arpents in front, and from the latter to the said seignior of la Prairie de la Magdelaine, together with the adjacent islands, islets and beaches, unto the said *Sieur Lemoyne*, his heirs and assigns, in fief, with all the rights of seignior and superior, mean and inferior jurisdiction (*haute, moyenne et basse justice*), subject to the condition of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which the said *Sieur Lemoyne*, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to perform at the Castle of St. Louis in Quebec, of which he shall hold under the customary rights and dues agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris, and that the appeals from the judge who may be established in the said seignior of Longueuil shall lie before the royal jurisdiction of the town of Three Rivers, until the King shall have been pleased to establish one nearer the said seignior ; also on condition that he shall continue to keep and cause to be kept by his tenants house and home (*feu et lieu*) on the said seignior ; that he shall preserve and cause to be preserved the oak timber fit for ship-building which may be found thereon ; that he shall give immediate notice to the King of the mines, ores or minerals if any be found in the said fief, and that he shall leave therein the necessary roadways and passages, reserving to extend the said seignior of Longueuil as far as the two leagues demanded until after the terrier shall have been made ; and a certificate is hereby given to the said *Sieur Lemoyne* that he has performed in our hands the fealty and homage which he is held to do and render to the King our Lord, on account of the said seignior of Longueuil, in conformity with these presents, fulfilling his duty as a vassal, and we have received and by these presents do receive him thereto ; saving always the rights of the King and of others in all things ; and he has made oath to well and faithfully serve the King, and to inform us or our successors should be learn that anything is being done against His Majesty's service, and for this time only we have exempted him from going to the Castle St. Louis of Quebec aforesaid ; and on condition also that he shall furnish his *aveu et dénombrement* of the portions inhabited of the said lands within forty days, according to custom.

And the said seignior *Lemoyne* has signed the original of these presents, which we have signed with our hand and caused to be sealed with our seal at arms and countersigned by one of our Secretaries.

Done at our Hotel in Montreal (*Ville de Marie*) the tenth day of July one thousand six hundred and seventy-six.

Signed,

DUCHESNEAU.

By command of His Lordship,

BECQUET.

N^o 371.*Title of the Fief of Becancourt, on the main road leading to Cap-Rouge.*

MONSIEUR D'ARTIGNY.

The Company of New France being desirous of acknowledging the good services which it has received from Monsieur Robineau, one of the former directors of the Company, in the person of the *Sieur René Robineau*, his son, Knight of the King's orders, grand voyer in New France, one of the co-partners, has granted and conceded to him as a fief holding of Quebec, with the right of mean and inferior jurisdiction, agreeably to the Custom of the city, provostship and viscounty of Paris, ten arpents of land in depth by one in breadth, which shall be called the fief of Bécancourt, lying and being on the main road of Cap Rouge, which was heretofore part of the lands of the farm belonging to the said Company ; the said ten arpents being covered with wood which has grown up since they were cleared.

Requesting Monsieur the Viscount d'Argenson, governor and lieutenant general for the King in New France, to put the said *Sieur de Bécancourt* in possession of the aforesaid ten arpents of land.

In testimony whereof the Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Secretary, and sealed with its seal, the twenty-sixth day of February one thousand six hundred and fifty-seven.

By command of Mylords of the Company of New France,

Signed, A. CHEFFAULT,
Secretary,
With a flourish.

N^o 372.*Title of the Fief of Vieux Pont.*

THE SIEUR GODEFROY DE NORMANVILLE.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE.

To all present and to come, greeting.

On account of the favorable knowledge which we have of the *Sieur Michel Leneuf*, *Sieur du Hérisson*, and of his zeal for the extension of the colony in New France, he having already brought under cultivation several lands which we have heretofore conceded to him ;

Therefore, and in order to afford him an opportunity of continuing, we have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power entrusted to us by the King our sovereign lord, do give, grant and concede unto the said *Sieur Michel Leneuf* one league of land to be taken along the River St. Lawrence, at Three Rivers, ascending the said River St. Lawrence,

by five leagues in depth, in the ungranted lands ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur du Hérisson, his successors and assigns, for ever, under the title of fief depending on and holding of our company at Quebec, by one full homage, and subject to the condition of paying hereafter the feudal and seigniorial dues as is practised in France agreeably to the Custom of the provostship and viscounty of Paris.

Hereby commanding the Sieur Dailleboust, governor and lieutenant general for the King in New France, to put the said Sieur du Hérisson in possession of the said land, if it has not already been done.

In testimony whereof we have caused these presents to be delivered, which we have caused to be sealed with the seal of our Company, and signed by the secretary of the same.

Done in the office of the Company the twenty-ninth day of March one thousand six hundred and forty-nine.

By command of Messieurs of the Company of New France,

Signed, A. CHEFFAULT.

N^o 373.

THE WEST INDIA COMPANY.

On the requisition presented to us by the Sieur Aubert de la Chesnaye, praying that we might be pleased to grant him an extent of land in New France, on the south side of the great River St. Lawrence, of one league above the River du Loup, and one league below, by one league and a half in depth, together with the owners' of the said River du Loup, and of the minerals, lakes and other rivers which may be found within the said concession, and also the isles and beaches in the said River St. Lawrence opposite the same, with the rights of hunting and fishing ;

We, the directors general of the said Company, acknowledging how important it is for the welfare and improvement of the colonies of New France, that persons possessed of pecuniary means and good will should settle therein, have, in the name of the said Company, granted and conceded, and do grant and concede to the said Sieur Aubert de la Chesnaye the said extent of land in New France, on the south side of the great River St. Lawrence, of one league above and one league below the River du Loup, by one league and a half in depth, and the ownership of the said River du Loup, and of the mines and minerals, lakes and other rivers which may be found within the said concession, and also the islands and beaches in the said River St. Lawrence, opposite the said concession, with the right of hunting and fishing throughout the whole of the said concession ; to have and to hold the same unto the said Sieur de la Chesnaye, his heirs and assigns, for ever, in full property and seigniority ; subject on the part of the said Sieur de la Chesnaye, his heirs and assigns, to the performance of fealty and homage (*foi et hommage*) which they shall be held to do to the said Company on each and every change of possessor, at the Fort St.

Louis of Quebec, or in this city of Paris, at the office of the directors general of the said Company, together with a gold crown (*écu d'or*) which shall be paid at the time of the performance of the said homage, a certificate whereof shall be delivered; and moreover, subject to the charge and condition that the said Sieur de la Chesnaye shall cause the settlement of the lands of the said concession to be commenced within two years, the survey thereof made and the boundaries set up within the said space of time; in default of the execution of which conditions, the lands contained herein shall be re-annexed to the domain of the said Company, which shall have the right of disposing thereof as it may think proper, and without the said Sieur de la Chesnaye or any others having any claim of indemnity therefor; which said conditions have been accepted by the said Sieur de la Chesnaye.

In testimony whereof we have signed these presents and caused the same to be countersigned by the secretary general of the said Company and sealed with its seal, at Paris, the twenty-third December one thousand six hundred and seventy-three.

Signed. BILLENZANY AND DAULIER.

And lower down,

By command of the Company,

A. DAULIER DESLANDES.

With a flourish, and sealed with the seal of the Company.

N^o 374.

Concession of twelve arpents for the College of the Jesuit Fathers.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all present and to come, greeting.

The Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus having made known to us the project which they entertain of establishing a college and seminary in New France, to educate therein the children of the Indians, the Hurons distant two hundred leagues from Quebec having already sent them six children with the promise of sending them a greater number hereafter, and also to educate the children of Frenchmen residing in the said country, and that for that purpose they require a convenient place in the space set aside for the city which our company intends to build at Quebec, to erect thereon a church, dwellings for the teachers and scholars, a yard and enclosure for the said college and seminary;

We, therefore, being desirous of contributing our share to so praiseworthy and salutary an undertaking, have given, granted and conceded, and in virtue of the power which the King has given to our company, do by these presents give, grant and concede to the said Reverend Fathers twelve arpents of land in New France, to be taken at Quebec, within the extent to be set apart by our company to build the city thereon; the said Reverend Fathers and their successors to have and to hold the same in full property, for ever, and cause to be built thereon the said college and seminary, church, lodgings and apartments;

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The present concession made without any charge, save and except that the said Reverend Fathers and their successors shall hold the said land and place of the company, and shall be held to include the said twelve arpents in the *aveu et dénombrement* which they are obliged to furnish to our said company for the other lands granted to them by act of the general meeting of our said company of the 15th January last; and that hereafter, when any public meetings for the exercises of the scholars or otherwise shall be held in the said college, the co-partners of our said company who may be on the spot, shall enjoy thereat the rank and place which is generally allowed to the founders of pious houses, and that of all the persons whom the said Reverend Fathers shall send, either to build the said college, or to serve and remain therein, they shall be held to give every year a list at the office of our company, and to cause the King's edict made for the establishment of this company to be observed, without permitting or allowing any person of those whom they will have sent to New France for the purpose of residing in the said college, to trade for skins and furs in the said country, otherwise than under the conditions mentioned in the said edict.

Commanding the Sieur de Montmagny, our co-partner, governor of Quebec, his lieutenant or any other appointed by him, to put the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, or for them the bearer hereof, in possession of the said land granted to them by these presents, and to cause them to enjoy the same fully and peaceably, assigning to them the limits and boundaries thereof within the enclosure reserved for the city, in a convenient place, as he may be advised, provided always it be land not already granted, a *procès-verbal* whereof shall be drawn up, and a copy of it sent to France, to the office of our company, by the return of the first ships.

Done and conceded at the meeting of the directors of the Company of New France, held at the hotel of Monsieur Fouquet, councillor to the King in his state and privy councils, at Paris, the 18th March 1637.

By the Company of New France,

Signed,

LAMY.

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BEGON.

N^o 375.

Title of the Seigniorie of Sillery.

THE JESUIT FATHERS.

THE COMPANY OF NEW FRANCE,

To all who these present letters shall see, greeting.

We do hereby make known that, being desirous of collecting in certain places the wandering inhabitants of New France, in order that they may there be instructed in the Christian

faith and religion, and finding that a certain number of them had chosen, for some years past, a place which they call in their language *Kamiskda d'Angachit*, commonly called by the Frenchmen Sillery or *L'Anse St. Joseph*; and moreover considering that the Jesuits, finding that the place was agreeable to the Indians, had caused a church to be there built for them, in which they administer the sacraments to those whom they have baptised there; and wishing to favor so great an undertaking and to retain these good neophytes near their church,

We have granted and by these presents do grant them, of our own free will, an extent of one league of land from the Point which terminates Cape St. Joseph, ascending the great river St. Lawrence, by four leagues in depth, the whole under the conduct and direction of the Jesuit Fathers, who have converted them to the Christian faith, and of their successors, without, however, derogating from the concessions which we have heretofore made of some portions of land to some French private individuals within the said extent, who shall hold of the Christian chief of the Indians, in the same manner as they held of us before this donation, which we make full and entire, together with all the seigniorial rights which we have or may claim, save and except the jurisdiction which we reserve to ourselves the right of having exercised by our officers at Quebec, granting them all the other rights which a seignior can enjoy;

Moreover, we grant unto those new Christians who inhabit the said country the full right of hunting and also the right of fishing in the great river St. Lawrence, along the lands of the present concession bordering on the said river, and no other person shall have the right of fishing therein without their leave and permission; hereby revoking the concession heretofore granted by us to the governor of New France, in consequence of the opposition made on the spot to his entering into possession in virtue of the same.

And we also grant them all the meadows and pastures, and all other things which may be found on the banks or shores or on such parts thereof as the tides leave dry, opposite their lands and concession, and no person else shall have the right to take or collect anything thereon without their permission; they nevertheless leaving the road free to the public along the river and other necessary places to be settled by our officers on the spot; to have and to hold the said tract of land and things above conceded unto the said Indians in *franc-alleu*, without being subject to the payment of any dues to the Company of New France.

Hereby commanding the grand seneschal of New France, or his lieutenants, to put the said Indians in possession of the present concession, without allowing them to be troubled therein in any way or manner whatever.

Done and ordered in our office at Paris, this thirteenth March one thousand six hundred and fifty-one.

And lower down is written :

A. CHEFFAUT,
Secretary of the Company.

N^o 376.*Concession of the Common of Three Rivers to the Inhabitants thereof.*

WE, CHARLES HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY, knight of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, governor and lieutenant general for the King over the whole extent of the great River St. Lawrence in New France, lakes and rivers running into the same and all places depending thereon, do hereby declare that the lands bounded as follows shall henceforward and for ever be common to the inhabitants of Three Rivers for the pasture of their cattle, according to the conditions hereinafter specified, to wit: the tract of land bounded on the south-east side by the road which runs along the great River St. Lawrence, on the north-west side by a line running north-east and south-west, starting from a boundary which we have set up to divide the tract of land which is to be common to the inhabitants of Three Rivers from that belonging to the Sieur de la Poterie, on the north-east side by a line running north-west and south-east, starting from a boundary dividing the said land of the Common from that on which are built the houses of Gaspard Boucher and Urbain Baudry dit la Marche, and those in which the Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus are now residing, with their gardens and other places depending thereon, which said boundary is the same that divides the said lands of the Common from the land belonging to the Sieur de la Poterie, and on the south-west side by a line running north-west and south-east, dividing the lands belonging to the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus from the said lands common to the inhabitants of Three Rivers aforesaid, and this on condition that the said inhabitants of Three Rivers shall cause the trees, included within the said boundaries, to be cut down as soon as possible, so that grass may grow on the said lands and that the hostile Indians may not approach, under cover, the fort and houses situated near it; and that no inhabitant shall have the right to send to pasture on the said lands more than six heads of horned cattle, either large or small at every one's choice, and for that purpose the Reverend Father Jérôme Lallemant, Superior of the Missions of the Society of Jesus in New France, and the Sieurs Jacques Hertel and Jean Godefroy have given us each an arpent and a half of land on the road running along the River St. Lawrence, by the depth comprised in the said limits, as a memorial; and we hereby declare that the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus, or their attorney at Three Rivers, and also the said Sieurs Jacques Hertel and Jean Godefroy, shall have the right of sending double the number of cattle to pasture in the said Common, allowing the other inhabitants to put therein twelve animals, either large or small, as they may think proper; and inasmuch as the said Reverend Fathers of the Society of Jesus deserve greater consideration, we declare that over and above all that has been granted to them by the present declaration, they shall have the right to send six more heads of cattle to pasture in the said Common; the whole however without prejudice to the rights of the seigniors of this country who shall have the right to send cattle to pasture therein according to the custom.

Done at the Fort St. Louis of Quebec, the fifteenth day of August one thousand six hundred and forty-eight.

Signed,

C. HUAULT DE MONTMAGNY.

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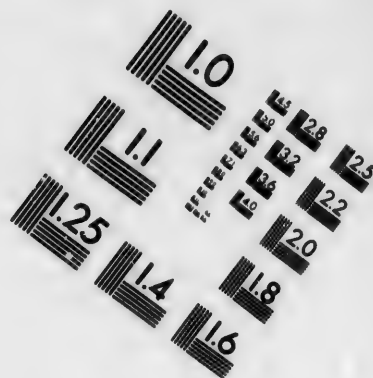
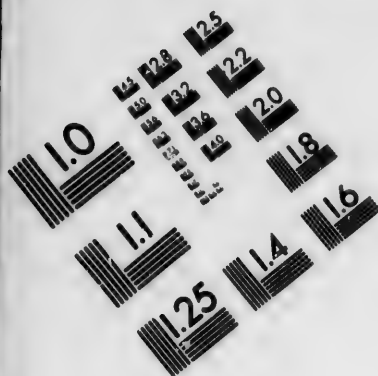
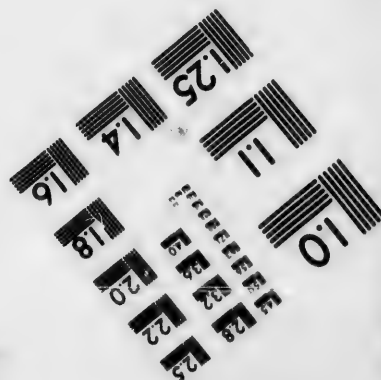
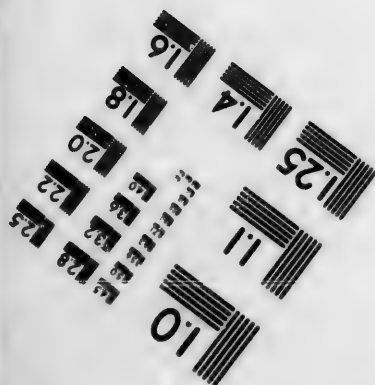
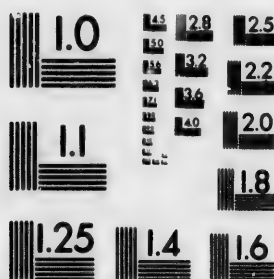


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